



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting August 26, 2019**

On August 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Chair, James Degnan, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Robert Spoerl. Member, Margaret Ives, Alternates, Paul Dionne, Justin Mitchell and Ann Marie Chase were absent.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 with a correction on page 3. The spelling of the last name of Doug Saigon as written in the minutes of 8-12-19 will be changed to Cygan. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:**

**DES:**

*42 Beaver Lake Ave* – Tax Map 51/Lot 68 – (pending) The Conservation Commission has not received the formal application for this plan yet. DES has put the application on hold.

*Island Pond Rd*- Tax Map 6/3- Lot 42144 Forestry notification. The notification is sufficient for work to begin.

*16 Gamache Rd*- Tax Map 2/Lot 5 – Stump grinding in close proximity of a wetland. DES has this under review.

*37 Warner Hill Rd* –Tax Map 06074/Lot 001- This is a Dredge & Fill request for an intermittent stream with a culvert for a driveway relocation. Approval is pending site stipulations, which there are many.

The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon in Londonderry, behind Central Fire Station at Nelson Field, off Sargent Rd. Derry residents will be allowed to participate in the collection. The contact information is [rkerry@londonderrynh.org](mailto:rkerry@londonderrynh.org) or call the Department of Public Works in Londonderry at (603)432-1100 ext. 137 for questions and info.

*Derryfest* – The plans for Derryfest were discussed at the previous DCC meeting. Tonight in addition to those plans, the blue trash bags for the town wide clean-up will be available at the Conservation booth. Alternate Member, Ann Marie Chase and family members will provide assistance in the setup of the booth and breakdown process.

*Invasives Species Update* - At the previous DCC meeting there was discussion on the treatment done to some Invasive Species on a section of Island Pond Rd. The treatment process there was performed by the State of NH. The process worked very well. Chair, James Degnan has sent an email to Doug Cygan to see if he knew what the state had used and if there were any new treatments available for treating invasives. Jim has not heard back from Doug Cygan yet.

#### **Monitoring Reports Update:**

The Electronic Volunteer Conservation Easement Monitoring form is now complete. Chair has emailed a link to the members for access to the form. Eventually the form will be put on the Derry website. James Degnan has monitored two of the properties. The Webber Property and the Low property. James has also sent a link to the members with a good amount of photos that he had taken of the two properties during his monitoring walk.

*Low Property Monitoring* – The scouts had done a lot of work on the trails at Low in the past. At this point in time there are some blowdowns and a couple of trees arcing over the trail. A chain saw will be needed for removal. The signs are in good condition. The entrance sign is not visible due to this year's growth. It needs clearing. The Ben Low trail is very overgrown and needs clearing. James spent time clearing and opening up this trail, but it still needs more work. Further in, where a scout had done some trail work, the blazes were visible except for some that were done on smaller trees. The smaller trees have come down and that section needs to be re-blazed. The marshes are in good shape especially the Beaver Marsh, which is in great shape.

*Webber Forest Monitoring* – James also monitored the Webber Forest. There are two entrances to the Webber Forest. One entrance off Jackman Rd. and one entrance at the intersection of Drew Rd. and North shore Rd. James started his walk at the Drew Rd. intersection side of the property. The sign at that entrance is very overgrown. There is an old tree stand that is toppled over and needs to be removed. The viewing public was asked for the tree stand to be removed, in case the owner of it was listening. The main trail is wide and Poison Ivy free. It does have some rutting from ATV use. Some areas have eroded from the ATV users to a point where the pitted areas are holding water and one of the places was totally impassible on foot. The public was reminded that ATV use is not allowed at Webber. In the area where some camping had been done in the past, there were some charred remains of a small campfire. Abutters have complained in the past about some shooting taking place at Webber. There was evidence of clay shooting and some target practicing. Some clay pieces left behind need to be picked up. The posted signs have been removed and need to be reposted. The public was kindly asked to respect the Webber property. The DCC goal is to have all the properties walked before the snow flies.

### Update on Conservation Activities:

William Lowenthal removed the Barberry bush by the sign at Broadview and some Bittersweet. The Derry Garden Club will be doing some perennial plantings at Broadview on August 27<sup>th</sup>. A thank you was given to the Garden Club members for the donation of the plants and their time.

### Other Business:

Eileen Chabot will be attending a conference at UNH on Invasive Species that she had applied for. She was chosen from a long list of applicants, possibly because of her past experience and the fact that she will be sharing her knowledge gained at the conference with a group of people, the Derry Conservation Commission members. The conference is two days long. The cost is \$65.00 per day. An overnight stay would be an added cost. Eileen is not sure if she will stay overnight. She will let the commission know at the next DCC meeting. ***Ric Buzzanga made a motion to reimburse Eileen Chabot up to \$200.00 for the cost of the 2 day seminar plus a possible overnight stay. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The money will be taken from the Administrative account.***

The cost for renting a booth space at Derryfest is \$60.00. Chair James Degnan has paid the \$60.00 for the Derryfest non-profit registration fee. ***Ric Buzzanga made a motion to reimburse James Degnan \$60.00 for the cost of obtaining the Derryfest booth. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. James Degnan abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried. The money will be taken from the Administrative account.***

Chair, James Degnan gave thanks to all the Derry Conservation Commission members for all their efforts in making the commission run smoothly. He also thanked the Garden Club, the Land Stewards for their assistance and to the public, those who walk the trail often and pick up trash etc.

### Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.  
Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson