



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting August 12, 2019

On August 12, 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, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl and Alternates, Justin Mitchell and Ann Marie Chase. Alternate, Paul Dionne were absent. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 as presented. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

A welcome was given to new Alternate Member, Ann Marie Chase.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

The new Tree Farmer publication and a new edition of Drinking Water Supply Lines with a Source have been received and the publications were passed around to the members.

DES:

17 Taylor Brook – Tax Map 18/Lot 30 – This is a permit approval for a dock. DCC has already seen the plans.

119 No Shore Rd. - Tax Map 18/Lot 17 – This is a letter dated June 19, 2019. An investigation is being done on a potential wetlands violation. An update From DES will follow.

Rockingham Rd. - (Rte. 28) Dated June 24, 2019 – This notice was to Mike Fowler of Derry Public Works. It is for a temporary impact of 9,833 sq. ft. for the construction of the Rt. 28 water main project, Town of Derry. The permit was issued.

62 ½ Bedard Ave. – Wetlands Permit application – DCC has seen the plan. DES has now received the application.

Correspondence has been received from USGA and USDA regarding the Corneliusen parcel insuring that DCC has the full monitoring report up to date. There will be further discussion on this.

Monitoring Reports:

Chair, James Degnan has been working on creating a form for the Volunteer Conservation Easement Monitoring paper work. It is now complete. Jim will distribute his form to the DCC members. Jim will do the monitoring report on the Town Forest and the Gagnon property.

Derryfest:

Grace Reisdorf, Eileen Chabot and William Lowenthal will work the booth this year. Ric Buzzanga will help with the breakdown at closing. Chair, James Degnan put in a request to have the same two spaces at Derryfest that were used by Go Green and the Conservation Commission last year. Those two spaces would work out well for the large maps. The request was granted. An invoice will be coming from Mike Gendron to secure the two spots.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Broadview Gardens – The well pump at Broadview malfunctioned a few weeks ago. Dennis Wiley and William Lowenthal reassembled the pump and got it working again. Thanks were given to Dennis Wiley for his assistance with the pump repair process. There are about 13 plots at this time that have been abandoned. Gardeners had started their plantings. Perhaps they became overwhelmed by heavy weed growth or by the very humid weather present this summer. It was mentioned to possibly provide mulching material to gardeners going forward next year to help prevent the overwhelming weed growth. Blue Seal Company has offered to donate the cardboard like material that they use under pallets. This material could be used as a barrier or some hay could be provided to put around plants. This will be discussed further. People have been asking if they could pick the produce from the abandoned plots. After discussion the commission stated that this could not be done. William Lowenthal will try to contact the gardeners of the abandoned plots to see if they are giving up on the gardening for this year. All the corn plants have been damaged. Some corn plants have been torn down completely. Others have had the ears ripped off the stalk. A quill has been found in the area so a porcupine is believed to be the culprit. DCC gave thanks to the Derry Public Works Department for providing a picnic table for the gardeners to use. The Derry Garden Club has donated plants to be planted at Broadview. They have arrived and will be planted soon. It was mentioned that the Broadview sign has Invasives growing all around it and they need to be removed. There is also a Barberry bush around the sign, which is an invasive. This should also be removed. The Plexiglas covering the sign has holes in it and needs repair.

Chair, James Degnan has been in contact with Forester, Charlie Moreno. They have both looked over the Doolittle Property where the selective tree cutting took place. More sunlight is coming in now. New plants are starting to grow and the property is looking good. Charlie Moreno and James Degnan discussed possibly partnering with the UNH Cooperative Extension and conducting a fall walk at the Doolittle property. This will be looked into.

Invasive Species -It has been observed that the state has destroyed the Japanese Knotweed on a section of Island Pond Rd, just down the street from Clam Haven. Whatever type of process the state is using really killed the knotweed quickly. Chair, James Degnan would like to find out what type of procedure was used. James will contact Doug Saigon to see if any new methods of destroying the invasives are available.

Other Business:

Margaret Ives was contacted by a resident who was interested in going to Broadview Farm this evening to watch the forecasted meteor showers.

Ruth Field from the South East Land Trust will be doing a monitoring walk at the Webber Forest off Island Pond Road Thursday, August 15th at 10:30 am. She will also walk the Caras property on the same day at noon.

Chair, James Degnan has had discussion with Deb Goard from the South East Land Trust on the process of cleaning up Derry Conservation files, deeds, putting things in order, etc. SELT has worked with The Town of South Hampton on a project like this in the past. Deb suggested contacting South Hampton for suggestions. Chair suggested possibly working on the files on an evening when the town hall is open.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson