



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting September 10, 2018

On September 10, 2018 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: James Degnan, Chair, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, and Grace Reisdorf. Alternates, Paul Dionne and William Ventura were absent. New member, Robert Spoerl and new Alternate member, David Hernandez were present. A welcome from the commission was given to Robert and David.

Approval of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. Robert (Bob) Spoerl and David Hernandez abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Des:

Notification has been received from DES on an application received on Tax Map 50/Lot 51018. There is missing information on the application. The application has been returned.

Update on Invasives Species- Funding for removal of Invasives on municipal property has been granted. Lenny Lord will be applying the first application at the transfer station this coming week. The area of application will be a small section of the transfer station in the rear of the stock pile. The Commission gave thanks to Lenny Lord, Derry DPW and Joan from the transfer station. The application will be applied when the station is closed.

Site Review:

7 D'Amore Lane - Tax Map 45 Lot 8 SEC & Associates Inc. Peter Stoddard presented. This is a 7.71 acre parcel that will be subdivided into three lots. The plan is to extend D'Amore lane into a cul-de-sac to accommodate the lots. This is the second visit with the plan to DCC. DCC has done a site walk. Open and closed drainage for storm water will be gathered in an infiltration basin in the southwest corner. The wetland impact will be 584 sq. ft. at the very end of the cul-de-sac. The end lot which holds the infiltration basin is tight. DCC had concerns of the septic systems and possibly connecting the homes

into town water and sewer, which is in place just a short distance away. After viewing the area at the site walk, DCC would like a berm installed to prevent any water from flowing toward the abutter and also additional plantings to act as a buffer. DCC would also like to have an enviro type septic system installed instead of the traditional stone and pipe system. This was explained to DCC as an option at the site walk as an added measure instead of town hook-up. The elevation from Beaver Lake is about 80 feet. There will be no access to the Shepard property from the cul-de-sac. The preservation of the existing stone walls was requested by DCC. Only one of the walls will be impacted for driveway installation.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for Chair to sign the plan with a note on the plan stating that the Enviro type septic system or equivalent brand be used instead of a contained system in the development of the project. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. Bob Spoerl and David Hernandez abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

74 Chester Rd - Tax Map 55 Lot 002, S&H Land Services, LLC. Peter Stoddard presented. Kathryn Coyle was present. This is a 2.4 acre subdivision. One lot will be 1.21 and the other 1.3 acres. There is an existing house on the property and an existing town owned sewer pump station. The Zoning Board had granted a variance for a 50 foot setback from the wetland instead of a 75 foot setback before DCC had viewed the project. This is now the second presentation of the plan to DCC. As an alternative to the original plan, a new plan has been created, which will turn the 28' x 40' house to a 90 degree angle to a vertical position instead of horizontal. With this turn, the house will sit higher on the hill. The rotation of the house will bring the setback from the wetland to 70 feet. The house will sit vertically instead of in a horizontal position.

A site walk has been done. At the walk, the site was noted to be wet.

The last site is very tight. DCC has concerns in the Abbot Brook area and the results of water flow after the lot is cleared. The soils at the Abbot Brook area are (B) rated. The soil at the pump station is (D) rated. There has been past flooding in the pump station area. The town has had to sand bag the station door at times. There are concerns of losing driveway access to the last house through possible future flooding events.

The Town engineer had concerns of the impervious areas created by the driveway and requested a swale be installed to shed the water. This would involve moving the driveway slightly to the left. DCC has concerns that the swale will not be enough to handle the flooding.

Kathryn Coyle stated that there were dams created by beavers in the culvert in the past that caused the flooding. The town cleared the culvert of the beaver dams. Fence grating has been installed to prevent the beavers from damming it up again in the future. There hasn't been any flooding since the Mother's Day rains in 2006.

DCC member William Lowenthal feels that it was a mistake on the part of the Zoning Board to issue a variance in reducing the setbacks from 75 to 50 feet without viewing the site, since a wetland is involved in the project. Will was opposed to the original project. Will gave thanks for the new plan concept of adjusting the house. Ric Buzzanga agreed with Will on the Zoning Board's actions. Ric has witnessed flooding many times in the area since 2006 and has had to detour the site. This is a concern to him.

Heavy rains this past April 2018 were referenced. Katherine states she traverses this area quite frequently and has not had any detours.

There was discussion on the grade from the pump station up to the proposed garage slab and any fill to be used. It was stated that there would be fill used and the grade would be directed toward the left and not toward Abbot Brook.

There will be no mitigation done to control the mosquitos. This would impact frogs, turtles, etc. There are also Invasive Species on the site.

DCC would like to have as many trees as possible left uncut to soak up water. It was offered, discussed and agreed upon to leave a 25 foot no cut buffer zone.

William Lowenthal made a motion to approve the subdivision plan of Tax Map 55/002 with the addition of the 25 foot no cut buffer and the Invasive Species note put on the plan.

There was discussion on the motion. Ric Buzzanga would like to have a roll call vote.

DCC asked to have the 25 foot no cut zone to be tagged to define the cut and for the line to be delineated on the plan.

William Lowenthal re-stated his motion.

I move that DCC approve the subdivision plan Tax Map 55/ Lot 002 with the addition of the inclusion of a 25' no cut buffer zone properly marked in the field and on the plan and the inclusion of the Invasive Species Note on the plan and no planting of Invasive Species. Margaret Ives seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Ric Buzzanga – no

Grace Reisdorf - yes

William Lowenthal – yes

Bob Spoerl – abstain

Eileen Chabot – yes

David Hernandez – abstain

Margaret Ives – yes

Chair, James Degnan – yes

Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Derryfest – The set up time will be 8:00 am. James Degnan will bring tables and chairs. One pop-up tent is needed. Go Green has its own tent to use. Tents were borrowed in the past.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to spend up to \$200.00 to be taken from the Administrative account to purchase a pop-up tent and to consider purchasing the tent from Aubuchon Hardware .William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The tent will be retained with the Chair, James Degnan when not in use.

The supply of T-shirts is low at this time. It was suggested to shop around before re-ordering. The maps are already for Derryfest. There will be one large map to illustrate the public and private properties and small handout maps. The newly acquired properties are on the maps now. A fact sheet on Land Steward opportunities and their duties is needed. All volunteer Land Steward sign-ups can be referred to Margie Ives.

Margaret Ives would like to send a T-shirt to Charles Varney along with a card thanking him for his years of broadcast/recording services of the DCC meetings.

Broadview – An Eagle Scout will begin repairing and rebuilding the tent platforms on October 5th and 6th.
Shepard – Mowing is complete. Volunteers are needed to clear the trail.

Quail Hill – There is still lots of trash.

Weber – The sign needs to be cleared. Bob Spoerl will look clearing it.

There is one handbook in stock. There is a need to purchase another new handbook for the new member.

Margie Ives made a motion to spend up to \$25.00, to be taken from the Administrative account, for the purchase of a handbook. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A member of the South East Land Trust will be doing a monitoring walk at Corneliusen Tuesday, September 11th at 1:00 pm. William Lowenthal volunteered to accompany on the walk.

Other Business:

Non-public Session RSA 91A:3-11(d) Non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3-II(d) "Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community."

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to enter into non-public session Per RSA 91A:3-11(d)
William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes.

The public meeting and adjourned at 8:15 pm. and the non-public session began.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson