



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting September 28, 2020**

On September 28, 2020 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, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Alternate Bob Boonstra. Margaret Ives, Robert Spoerl and Alternates, Paul Dionne, and Justin Mitchell were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Margaret Ives.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There was a question on the Broadview mowing portion of the minutes of August 24, 2020 that DCC wanted to look into before approving the minutes. The minutes of August 24, 2020 were tabled until the next Conservation meeting.

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

The latest NH DES publication of "Supply Lines with a Source" focusing on groundwater has been received and it was passed around.

Communication has been received from Micaelie O'Hare of the South East Land Trust in regard to recent monitoring visits to Shepard Park and Corneliusen Woods. SELT holds a Conservation Easement on each of these properties. Shepard was found to be in good condition. There is some debris in the first picnic area. This will be looked into. On Corneliusen, it was noted that there was an unmarked, temporary deer stand and game camera, located on the southern boundary, next to the trail that leads out to abutting southeast field. Both are pointed away from the property. These items are not in violation of the easement. DCC is just being notified of them. Moving into the fall season, the public was alerted that hunting is allowed on some of the Conservation properties and the need to wear orange and for the need to be seen when using the parcels. Pets as well.

### **Update on Conservation Activities:**

*Monitoring Reports* – DCC has reviewed the UNH Cooperative Extension's Easement Monitoring Process Guidelines and adopted them for use in creating their own monitoring reports. Some of the properties were monitored last year by DCC using this guidance. Chair, James Degnan created a draft Land Steward application/ job description form, to be used for the Volunteer Land Steward Program. Once completed, the finalized form would be given to the stewards that have signed up already and for any

new volunteers wishing to sign up. The Land Steward draft copy was passed out to the members this evening for review and finalization.

There was discussion on the topic of "*tasks expected dependent on the volunteer skills and interest*" portion of the form. DCC felt that not everyone has the abilities to perform all tasks expected. Some people have physical limitations, that may deflect someone from volunteering if they can't perform all that is expected. DCC decided to add the word *abilities* to the tasks expected to perform section. A suggestion was made to possibly group people together according to a person's ability. DCC could possibly pair up some of the capable Land Stewards with other Land Stewards of lesser ability or a DCC member could join in to get the jobs done. Chair will make the adjustments to the draft.

The email address [derryconservation@gmail.com](mailto:derryconservation@gmail.com) is now registered. Having this point of contact will create a central hub for the Land Steward form, the monitoring forms, etc. It will allow for any other documentations to be added and for communications to be easily accessed going forward. The email address will also be a communication point for camping and firepit uses at Broadview. The Broadview Gardens will continue to have its own email address at this time.

#### **Other Business:**

There are three more properties that need to have the GPS mapping completed this fall. Once the mapping is done, the maps will be entered into the Trail Finders website and eventually onto the Derry Conservation website.

Chair, James Degnan completed and submitted the Derry Conservation Commission Report that will be published in the Derry Town Report for 2020. The report is a little lighter this year. There were no public events taking place due to COVID-19 restrictions. Meetings and sight plan presentations were down. There was success with the Broadview Gardens and the mowing process at Broadview to report.

#### **Broadview Gardens Update:**

The gardens are winding down at this time. Some of the gardeners have cleaned up their plots already. Some are still harvesting. The rabbits are still plentiful. There is still a month left of garden time before the cleanup deadline.

#### **Adjournment:**

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson