



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting September 9, 2019

On September 9, 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, Paul Dionne Ann Marie Chase. Alternate, Justin Mitchell was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

William Lowenthal made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2019 as presented. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Margaret Ives abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

DES:

16 Gamache Rd. - Tax Map 2/Lot 5 – This is an ongoing matter of stump grinding in a wetland. DCC had been advised By DES notification of matter previously. This letter is an update that has been received since the previous meeting. The update was passed around to the DCC members. There should be more updates to follow.

45 Mill Rd. – This is a *completed* Minimum Wetland Impact permit. Tim Peloquin had previously presented the plan to DCC members. The permit is now been completed and it was passed around to members for viewing.

Granite State Tree Farmer – The recent issue contains an article on HB 183, which has been passed with overwhelming support by the House and the Senate. The Bill supports Biomass and Low Grade Wood Markets in NH. DCC recently had a lot of wood chips to dispose of from the recent select cut at the Doolittle property. House Bill 183 will allow power plants in NH to continue to utilize this material as Biofuel. (woodchips etc.) The bill is now on the desk of Governor Sununu.

Information has been received on a new possible Invasive. The disease has currently been found as far East as New York and Long Island. The disease affects the Red Oak. It is called *Oak Wilt Disease*. It

enters the tree's vascular system causing it to die with a few weeks to 6 months. The public was asked to report any findings of the disease to nhbugs.org.

There will be an event held at the Kimball Wildlife Forest, 2355 Lake Shore Rd. in Gilford NH, on October 5, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, to celebrate the outstanding tree farm of the year. There is no cost to the event but registration is requested. Please call (603) 224-9945 ext. 331 to register.

A reminder was given to the public for the Household Hazardous Waste Day, November 23, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the Nelson Field, off Sargent Rd. in Londonderry, NH.

Discussion -DCC Approval of Plans

There was some discussion on the approval of plans that are presented to DCC. DCC may have some requirements/requests that they would like to see added to the plan and acted upon in order for the plan to receive DCC approval. Those items are put on the plan as "notes to the plan" and the notes are expected to be followed. Are they being followed thru? When does the work begin? The weather conditions during plan work commencement as far as a rainy deluge etc. affecting site conditions. Can DCC be notified by Code Enforcement when the work is going to begin so that the site can be monitored by DCC to insure the proper steps requested by DCC are being taken? Some type of protocol should be put in place going forward. If a DCC member visits a site, the findings should be reported to Code Enforcement and Code Enforcement should address the matter. These thoughts will be discussed with Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Mackey. This topic will be followed up on at the next DCC meeting.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Derryfest - Plans for the upcoming Derryfest were finalized. Booths # 90 and #91 have been rented. Load time is between 8:30 am and 9:00 am off Boyd Rd. Breakdown time is 4:00 pm. Thanks were given to all those helping with the event.

In case of rain, cancellation will be received by 6:30 am.

At a previous DCC meeting some Girls Scouts reached out to DCC. The Scouts would like to make some bird houses for some of the Conservation areas (Broadview and Cole Marsh). The Girls scouts would like to hang a poster at the Derryfest booth to show their project to the public. The poster was given approval. The Girl Scouts would like to take a walk through Broadview to see where they would like to place the bird houses. There will be more follow up on the installation of the bird houses.

Broadview Farm has not been mowed yet.

Shepard has been mowed, but a month too early.

Monitoring Reports Update:

Grace Reisdorf has monitored the East Recreation Trail between Rte. 121 and Rte. 28. She had previously monitored Cole Marsh, the section across Damren Rd. There was trash in this location. Grace handed in the monitoring reports for the two properties.

The list of properties was once again confirmed for member monitoring. As follows:

Broadview & Hannah Martin – Paul Dionne

Cole Marsh – Neil Wetherbee

Corneliusen – Ric Buzzanga

Doolittle & Gagnon – James Degnan

Gulf Rd. Storm trail – Eileen Chabot & Justin Mitchell

Grinnell - James Degnan & Grace Reisdorf

Webber – **completed**

Low – **completed**

Quail Hill – James Degnan

Rutter & Cross Rd. - Margaret Ives

Collettes –SELT

Ferdinando-**completed by SELT**

Gunther – SELT

Matteuzzi – Paul Dionne

Shepard – Margaret Ives

It was suggested to all those doing monitoring to wear Orange and be alert of hunting season.

Other Business:

The Town Wide Fall Cleanup event will be held October 5th through October 12th.

Antioch University is offering an opportunity for municipal committees to apply for a graduate student to work on a project of interest to the municipality for the spring semester. January through May of 2020. Deadline to apply is September 27, 2019.

Eileen Chabot will be attending a two day seminar on Invasive Species put on by UNH. An overnight stay is optional. At the previous meeting, DCC approved spending up to \$200.00 for Eileen to attend each class at \$65.00 per day and gave her an overnight stay allowance. After research, Eileen discovered a cheap rate on an overnight stay at the Shaker Museum where the workshop will take place. The total cost would be \$215.00.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to authorize up to \$250.00 to be taken from the Administrative account to offset the cost for Eileen Chabot to attend the event. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

The closing date for Broadview gardens is November 1st. The gardeners will be notified.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor.
Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.
Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson