



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting January 13, 2014

On January 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Jim Arruda, Paul Dionne, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marianne Page, and Dennis Wiley. Paul Doolittle, Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan, Peg Kinsella and Richard Tripp were absent. Marianne page sat for Ric Buzzanga.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of December 9, 2013 as written. Dennis Wiley seconded the motion. Jim Arruda & Beverly Ferrante abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence:

A reminder was given for the Special Places Conference which will be held April 5, 2014.

There will be a joint meeting (workshop) with all the Boards & Commissions and the Derry Town Council January 22, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Center. Derry Conservation Commission goals, objectives, any foreseen obstacles or any assistance DCC might need from the Town council were things suggested for discussion at the meeting.

Margaret Ives & Dennis Wiley attended the Eagle Scout ceremony at the First Parish Church. Eagle Scout, Tyler Pascucci received an award for his work done on 3.5 miles of trails at the Low Property. As a token of appreciation for Tyler's work, DCC would like to give Tyler and his family Conservation T-shirts. Dennis Wiley could present the T-shirts at one of the scout's meeting.

Paul Dionne made a motion to give Tyler, his mother & father a Derry Conservation T-shirt. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richard Tripp arrived at 7:40 pm and was asked to sit for Paul Doolittle.

Go Green: Judy Follo, Go Green Chair, gave a report on Go Green's plans for 2014.

February 8, 2014 @ 9:00 am- snowshoeing event at Broadview Farm

March 8th Documentary screening of the movie 365.org. Do the math, which pertains to climate change.

On March 26th a lecture at the library is planned.

April - Library display month. Earth week spring clean-up the week of 4/13 thru 4/20.

May- Joint meeting with DCC (invite garden Club & EEAC), presentation on invasive species. Land Steward Day and invasive removal workshop at Shepard possibly on the 17th.

June- Cole Marsh Conservation Walk on the 21st. Workshops on composting and rain barrels.

July- Low Property Walk @ 9:00 am on the 12th. J&F Farm Tour on the 19th

August – Broadview Farm Conservation Walk on the 16th. The Boys & Girls Club Outdoor Experience, no date set as of this time.

September – Collette Conservation Walk on the 20th

October – Fall Clean up Event – week of the 11th thru the 18th

November – Second documentary screening, held at the Upper Village Hall on the 15th. The movie "Trash" is being considered. America Recycles Day is November 15th. There will be a library display on recycling this month.

December – Holiday meeting and setting of the 2015 agenda

*All Conservation walks begin at 9:00 am

Paul Doolittle arrived at 7:50 pm and was seated.

Other Business:

Goals Derry Conservation Commission Draft 2014: The draft plan was presented to the commission members. Some of the goals listed are: a map of Collette's, signage, Land Stewardship Program, Weber Forestry Management Plan, Cole Marsh Dam, easement monitoring, maintenance of bridges and trails, invasives, BF Gardens, Open Space ordinance and implementation, zoning ordinance, protection of additional properties, grant funding, annual budget and monitor DCC filing system (the files have been moved from the second floor to the basement of DMC. Chair suggested paying Ruth Robinson, Clerk, to help with the filing process. The Goals draft will be followed up and voted on in February.

A motion was made by Paul Doolittle to pay \$875.00 to be taken from the Administrative Account for payment of annual membership dues to the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. Marianne page seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

The Forestry Management Account has a balance of \$40,585.00. When the bill comes in for Charlie Moreno's Forestry Management Plan at Weber, it will be paid for from this account.

Japanese Knotweed – Richard Tripp has been taking a lot of pictures of the Knotweed. The recent pictures will help inform the public as to what the species looks like at this time of year. He has created a tri-fold brochure to help educate the public on identifying it, removal methods and the transport of

cuttings etc. This brochure is a work in progress. There was discussion on coordinating info with Go Green and the Derry Garden Club to help get info out to the public.

Adjournment: Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Clerk/Ruth Robinson