



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 24, 2014

On March 24, 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, Ric Buzzanga, Paul Dionne, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley. The new Councilor Liaison, Tom Cardon was present at the meeting.

Marianne Page, Per Kinsella, James Degnan and Paul Doolittle were absent. Richard Tripp sat for Paul Doolittle.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2014. Jim Arruda seconded the motion. Dennis Wiley and Richard Tripp abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence:

The date for Derryfest has been set. It will be held September 20, 2014 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is no rain date. DCC Plans for Derryfest will be made at a later meeting.

A household Hazardous Waste day will be held September 12, 2014 at West Running Brook School from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

DES:

23 North Shore Rd. – Tax /Map 56/27 -To install erosion controls and remove an ice damaged retaining wall. Maintain erosion controls until a permanent repair design is approved for the shoreline at Beaver Lake.

Taylor Brook – Island Pond – Tax/Map 18/27 - An impact for the purpose of expanding an existing single family dwelling. To construct a detached garage, a pervious driveway and to install a state approved septic system. This affects the shoreland impact permit. A waiver has been approved to allow the construction of the proposed project. There is no vegetation impact between 50 and 150 feet of the reference line.

A reminder was given for *The Hazardous Waste day*, May 3, at West Running Brook School from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Dredge & Fill: Public Service of New Hampshire/ GZA

Sherry Trefry from, Geo Environmental Inc. Engineers & Scientists (GZA) gave the presentation representing Public service Company of NH. A standard Dredge & Fill Application has been submitted to DES. The proposal is to install a Kilovolt transmission line within the existing right of way from the Scobie Pond Substation on Scobie Pond Rd to the Chester Boundary. The site now has an R 193 line, a B172 line and a 363 line all of which are 115 KV. The project is to re-locate the R193 line which is on the northerly side of the existing corridor and install the new E194 (115 KV) line. The wire will go underground, through a wetland where there will be 500 sq. ft. of temporary impact, onward to a terminal yard then the wire comes out of the ground to the overhead position on toward the Scobie Pond Station. The Scobie Pond Station will be modified with a couple of additional terminals. This project is being done to meet increased demand for power in Southern NH.

The proposal is to begin building the new the R193 line proposed location the end of summer after permits have been approved. Transfer the R193 line over to the new pole structures and then remove the old structures that are there now. Then they will start building the new line at the end of fall or winter of 2015. Some side trimming along the existing right of way has already been done. The structures there now are H-Frame which will be changed to a monopole structure system. A total of 9 pole structures will have permanent wetland impact. Several of the old R193 structures will be removed from wetlands. The terminal yard is in the wetland also totaling 1060 sq. ft. of structures in wetlands. There will be prime wetland impact. Temporary construction access is 970 sq. ft. to access the prime wetland itself and then 3539 sq. ft. of impact from the access road. There is no known record of endangered species in the prime wetland area. Timber matting will be used for construction vehicles. Historical and Archeological studies are in the works. Some Archeological sensitivity has been found.

The Army Corp of Engineers will determine at what level of impact or affect there may be and they will direct the project accordingly. All Archeological studies will be completed and a permit issued by the Army Corp before the start of any construction. GZA will monitor the seasonal timeframe to the start of construction to protect any species. Black Racer snakes and turtles have been discovered in the area. GZA will work with the construction company and monitor where silt fence should be etc. in order to protect the species. Fish & Game does not want the structures' footings to be excavated out of the ground. Instead the footings need to be cut at ground level to protect the snakes' nesting sites. Paul Dionne would like straw bales to be used instead of hay bales and also straw bales to be placed along any silt fences.

According to the plans, access routes shall not exceed a 16 foot width. No fueling of vehicles will be done within 100 ft. of the wetlands. Spillage kits will be available. Because the disturbance area is greater than 1 acre, a Construction General Permit is needed from the Environmental Protection Agency which requires a Storm Water Control Plan. GZA will prepare the storm water pollution plan for the project and conduct weekly inspections on sediment and erosion controls.

The Conservation Commission scheduled a site walk March 31, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Update on Conservation activities:

The Go Green spring activities: March-there will be a lecture by NH Fish & Game held at the Derry public Library on March 26 at 6:00 pm about Bobcat migration in the southern tier of the state. April features a recycling display at the library, middle school events and the town wide clean-up April 13 thru the 20th.

Low property -Chair has received a letter from a Hubbard Hill resident of shots being fired as early as 5:30 in the morning at Low. Hunting is allowed at Low per the easement agreement. Being that it is not hunting season, it seems like the shots being fired are that of target shooting at the trees. A suggestion was made to the residents of Hubbard Hill to contact NH Fish & game for a quick response on this matter. Chair will visit the property, contact Fish & Game and follow up with Derry Police, Chief Garone.

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

Paul Dionne made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 (d). Richard Tripp seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes.

Paul Dionne made a motion to invite Councilor Liaison, Tom Cardon to attend the non- public session. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the public meeting Richard Tripp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The public meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm and the non-public session began.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson