



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting January 12, 2015

On January 12, 2015 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: Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Margaret Ives, Chair, Dennis Wiley, and Richard Tripp were present. Council Liaison Tom Cardon was present. Paul Dionne, Marianne Page and Peg Kinsella were absent. Richard Tripp sat for Paul Dionne.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Richard Tripp made a motion to accept the minutes of December 22, 2014. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. Jim Arruda and James Degnan abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.
Marianne Page is now seated at 7:05 pm.

Dredge & Fill:

Peter Stamras and colleagues, met with Margaret Ives, Richard Tripp, Paul Dionne and Mike Speltz from the Londonderry Conservation Commission on the dredge & fill plans, for the widening of a 13 mile stretch of Interstate Rte. 93 from the Massachusetts border to Manchester. The initial permit expires in 2016, so a new permit is needed. The wetlands have changed some since the initial permit. The Beaver Brook crossings will be changed from culverts to bridges. The rest of the project is in neighboring towns. The amount of acreage affected for the towns is Derry - 4.4 acres, Londonderry – 30 acres, Salem- 25 acres and Windham - 21 acres.

Many detention ponds will be added. Sound barriers will be installed from the Massachusetts border into New Hampshire. The barriers will be made of concrete pillars with wood slats. A lot of trees will have to be taken down. DCC would like as many trees as possible be spared. There was discussion on plantings along the sound barriers.

A table of mitigation sites was also reviewed by the group. A site affecting part of Derry is a parcel that was mitigated in the previous I-93 expansion plan, which is the 247 acre Sybiak property. According to Mark Lauren from the state, there is a possibility of the town obtaining the Sibiak property, which is now state owned.

A motion was made by Paul Dionne for Chair to look into this with Mark Lauren to see if this could be done. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Chair would like to send a letter asking for plantings of native bushes in front of the sound barriers and to request that any updates be provided to DCC as soon as they become readily available. The 1st

phase of the project is expected to be completed by March of 2016 and the second phase in 2020 .The Dredge & Fill maps are available for viewing on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation website.

Site Review:

Whitney's Grove Rd. – Tax Map/Lot 0498 – Surveyor, Jim Lavelle presented. This is a 7 plus acre parcel with an existing house. The lot will be sub-divided, leaving 3 acres with the house and a 4 plus acre parcel to construct a new house. There is a pond down from the site, a wetland and a culvert that runs under Whitney's grove Rd. DCC at this time has done a site walk of the area.

DCC questioned the slope in the area. The one between the existing lot and the new lot will remain mostly with the 3 acre section. The slope further down is about 5% to 6 % and will be flattened out some more. There was no slope numbers on the plans presented, just contours in two foot increments. The (2) 4000 ft. receiving areas on the plan were questioned. It is a state requirement to show enough suitable area on the plan set aside for septic systems which could be constructed somewhere in that 4000 ft. zone. This plan does meet state septic requirements from the wetland. The new dwelling to be constructed will be within the required 30 foot setback from a wetland this size.

James Degnan made a motion for chair to sign the plan with the following conditions:

1. The Invasive Species note prepared by DCC is to be added to the plan.
 2. The small path that goes around the pond and out to Whitney's Grove Rd. will remain unpaved.
- Jim Arruda seconded the motion. Ric Buzzanga and Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

37 Highland Ave. – Tax Map/Lot 26232 – This is the site of the former Floyd School. Karl Dubay from the Dubay group presented. The owner of the property had previously presented plans for turning the building into rental apartments. The building is in structural poor. The plan being presented tonight is to demolish the building and construct (20) 1000 sq. ft. condos units that would be for sale. The units would be part of a Condo Association and would not be rentable. It will be called Highland Place. A meeting was held with the abutters and all seemed supportive of the plan. The plan has also been presented to the Highway Safety Committee and TRC. Any historical pieces from the building would be saved. This is a very sandy site. There is no seasonal high water table. Five of the units will face Florence St. and have garages under which will work with the grade in that area. The rest of the units will be up in the platform area with open parking (2.5 spaces per unit).

Paul Dionne is now seated at 7:40 pm.

Most of the stone wall in the front will be saved. There will be lots of landscaping and a 15% recreation space.

There is 29% impervious existing. The proposed impervious is 45%. The two levels of the property, upper and lower will have infiltration systems with catch basins etc. There will be a snow storage site at the entrance and one at the end of the drive way. TRC has asked for more snow storage. Some of the snow will be trucked off the site as noted on plan. DCC questioned moving the snow melt area on the upper level to the front of unit #10 instead of the front of unit #15, so that snow melt would enter into the infiltration system better. This will be looked at. DCC will do a site walk January 17, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Richard Tripp has been working with Doug Rathburn from IT on maps for Broadview and Corneliusen. The plan is to have a 24 x 36 inch map to fill one half of the kiosk at each site. The other half of the kiosk would be for Land Use/Restrictions.

Go Green:

Calendar of 2015 events

February 28, 2015 – The snowshoe event will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00pm.

March – Speakers on Global Warming

April – Rain Barrel Workshop and Spring Clean-up Week

May – Invasive Day, Parks & Recreation – Summer Sampler

June – Cole Marsh walk

July – Collette's walk and J & F Farms

August – Low walk and Boys & Girls Club event

September - Corneliusen walk

October - Fall Clean-up

November – America recycles Day

December – Plan calendar for 2016

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Wiley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson