



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting February 23, 2015

On February 23, 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: Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Margaret Ives, Chair, and Dennis Wiley and Richard Tripp were present. Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, Paul Dionne, Peg Kinsella and Marianne Page were absent. Richard Tripp sat for Ric Buzzanga.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Richard Tripp Made a motion to accept the minutes of January 12, 2015. James Degnan seconded the motion. All others present were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

A bulletin produced by the Arbor Day Foundation was passed around. It contained info on how trees can save energy and create warmth in winter etc.

Correspondence has been received from the South East Land Trust. Monitoring on The Doolittle, Shepard properties and the woods portion of Corneliusen have been completed. No major changes were detected. SELT is also in the process of hiring a new full time steward in the spring.

A request has been received from SELT for the monitoring inspection of the property now owned by Jean Gagnon former Rowenfare Farm. Steve Walker would like to have the report. At this time, there is too much snow. A picture of the property will be taken and a description will be sent to Steve until the snow melt comes and the property can be walked.

A newsletter *Supply Lines with a Source* from the NH DES Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau was passed around. It featured arsenic concentration in NH water. Also passed around was info on protecting land through easements that protect the watersheds. Chair spoke of how important it is for residents to have their wells tested.

Derry Conservation has been given two gifts. One gift was \$250.00 given by Mary Holland. The other is a gift of \$100.00 given by the St. Luke's Methodist Women's Association. Both gifts are to be deposited into the Land Use Fund. Chair gave thanks to both.

DES:

Busby Grove Rd – a Shoreland impact permit was issued to construct a dwelling and a septic system

Invasive spraying – According to Lenny Lord, invasive control at the Hannah Martin Property will take 3 to 5 years of spraying.

Site Review:

37 Highland Ave – Tax Map/Lot 26232-Karl Dubay from the Dubay group presented. A site walk of the area has been done by DCC and this is an updated plan being presented. This is the site of the former Floyd School. The proposal is for 20 Condo Units, which will be called **Highland Place**. There is no wetland impact in the area. The Invasive Species note has been put on the plan. *There is some Bittersweet on the site.* There are several Bull Pines that will be taken down. DCC had concerns about the slopes, stabilization of the slopes once the trees and stumps are removed and the possibility of any erosion and siltation going down the slopes into the existing water at the bottom. There were also concerns of snow storage especially in a winter like this one that has brought an abundance of snow. The height of the temporary stock pile and any re-use of the soil, drainage, erosion control of the slopes and around the stock piles, long term drainage maintenance plan, silt fence, size of rip rap being used and the clogging of the perforated pipes, were also among concerns. The plan has been presented to TRC and The Planning Board. It meets the new pending Zoning Board criteria. There will be lots of landscaping and 15 % recreation space. Slope stabilization blankets will be used. Excess snow will be trucked off the site. The amount of impervious area post construction will be about the same amount as pre construction.

Dennis Wiley made a motion for the Chair to sign the plan with the following conditions. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- The height of the temporary stock pile, Erosion Control Plan, sheet #9.
- A note on page 13 to adjust the height of the stock pile downward.
- Catch basins to be maintained annually and after any major storms. Maintenance catch basin note on the plan on sheet #12.
- Outlet protection maintenance note to be copied to the typical catch basin detail on sheet #11
- Silt fence/Straw to be used instead of hay sheet 13.
- Copy the Invasive Species note put onto the site Preparation Plan.
- Add note to the plan on sheet #11 showing the size of the rip rap to be used around the outlet pipe

Some of the Historical items from the school will be given the Derry Historical Society. Thanks were given for the donation.

Other Business:

There will be an upcoming meeting with Boards & Commissions with the Town Council on March 3, 2015. In preparation for this, DCC went over their goals that were previously established in 2014 and added, amended, etc. for a presentation to the council at this meeting. Some of the things they would like to highlight with the council are the commission's work with Dredge & Fill applications, protecting watersheds, Invasives Species at Shepard, Forestry Management plan at Weber. Japanese Knotweed is a big concern, DCC would like to create an awareness program on Invasives Species to present to Derry Public Works Department workers to aid them in identifying the plants when Lawn mowing, trimming and the removal etc.

Go Green:

The Annual Go Green Snowshoe Event is February 28th at Broadview Farm from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There is an abundance of snow this year for the event. Chair would like to send a letter to Go Green Chair, Judy Follo, from the Conservation Commission, thanking her for all her work in making Go Green what it is.

Adjournment:

Dennis Wiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson