



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting March 30, 2015**

On March 30th, 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: Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Dennis Wiley, Peg Kinsella and Marianne Page. Jim Arruda was absent. Marianne Page sat for Jim Arruda. Richard Tripp is now a member of the Derry Town Council. He was in the audience. Council Liaison Tom Cardon was present.

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of March 9, 2015 with changes. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Marianne Page and Peg Kinsella abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:**

A brochure from Green Peace Piece was passed around, which contained info on the Monarch Butterfly. Chair quoted from that brochure. There has been a 90% decline in Monarch Butterfly population in the last two decades. Once covering an area of 45 acres, in 2014 there was only 1.65 acres covered. The planting of Milkweed, native nectar plantings, avoiding pesticides, especially Round-Up, creating weigh stations are all ways to help the butterflies return.

The Rotary Club is taking suggestions for future community service projects to be done by the club. DCC was asked to submit a suggestion along with other service committees. After discussion the commission decided that their project suggestion would be a parking lot at Collette's Mountain. The project would require the area to be cleaned, a few trees cut, fill and gravel deposited and a few posts installed. The deadline for project submissions is April 1, 2015.

Special Places conference is April 11, 2015 from 8:00 to 3:45 pm at The John Stark Regional High School in Weare.

Newly appointed members of the Conservation Commission are Serge Michaud, Marius Zainea, Alan Camuso and newly appointed Alternate, Neil Wetherbee. Alternate, Peg, Kinsella will serve another term. Marius Zainea was in the audience tonight.

Broadview Farm signage - The plan is to get a new map for the area. Chair showed a sample map of 18 protected areas in Derry.

Members were asked to think about new assignments, land stewards, contact persons etc. for the properties to replace former members' assignments.

#### **Update on Conservation Activities:**

**Go Green:** The Go Green town wide spring clean-up is April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>. Bags can be picked up at the transfer station or from Go Green.

Planning for a trash pick-up/ kickoff party at Broadview is in the works.

On April 29, 2015 at the Derry Public Library, at 6:00 pm, there will be a guest speaker from the Union of Concerned Scientists. The topic will be on their book called "Cooler is Smarter" which references what people can do to help prevent global warming.

Eileen Chabot made a motion to pay up to \$60.00 for (2) Go Green members to attend the Local Energy Solutions Conference. Marianne Page seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. After attending the conference, some of the Go Green members will give a presentation on the conference to DCC at the next Conservation meeting.

#### **Other Business:**

There is a men's group in town that has been using Broadview Farm for years. They would like to have an anvil firing there. This is when two anvils are turned on opposite ends, filled with powder and lit on fire with a fuse, in order to shoot the top anvil into the air. There are liability concerns from DCC. This will be looked into.

Earth Day is April 22, 2015.

#### **Recognition of service:**

*Richard Tripp* has been an Alternate member on the Conservation Commission since 2004. He formerly served on the Planning Board and is now a newly elected member of the Derry Town Council. He has taken on an occasional role as secretary. He has also done signage for some of the properties and attended site reviews.

*Jim Arruda* has done a lot of work in the fight against Japanese Knotweed. He has also helped prepare the Broadview gardens and he has attended several site reviews.

*Dennis Wiley* has been a member since 2003. He has been the representative to Go Green. He has also helped with the Broadview Gardens and the composting bins. He was the Boy/Girl Scout contact person and has attended several site reviews.

Thanks and applause was given to these three people for their years of service and dedication. A celebration will take place sometime this spring.

Paul Dionne made a motion to go into non-public Session. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. Ric Buzzanga made a motion to invite Council Liaison, Tom Cardon to the non-public session. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. The public meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM and the non-public session began.

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."

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson

