



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting August 3, 2015**

On August 3, 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, and Alternate Alan Camuso.

Marius Zainea, Alternates Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page and Neil Wetherbee were absent.

Alan Camuso sat for Marius Zainea.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of July 13, 2015 with changes. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

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

A bill for \$41.91. Ric Buzzanga made a motion to pay \$41.91, to be taken from the Administrative account to reimburse former DCC member Dennis Wiley for hardware supplies for the Cole Marsh Bridge construction project. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There is a deposit of \$80.56 to be made to the Land Use Fund. The money is leftover from Troop #405, John Potter's Eagle Scout Project for the repair of the Cole Marsh Bridge. The money was raised through fund raisers. The unused portion is being donated to DCC.

**DES:**

Route I-93 Widening Project – New Hampshire Department of Transportation – File # 20104-03446. The project will improve 13 miles of I-93 from north of exit 3 in Windham and extend northerly through the Towns of Windham, Derry and Londonderry, ending at I-93 /I-293 interchange in Manchester. Chair has received a copy of the NHDOT approval letter from DES. A chronology report has also been received. The report dates back to 2007 and lists the project events chronically up to May 20, 2015. The I-93 approval letter is included in these meeting minutes. Please see the attachment for details of the report.

The Derry Conservation Commission has received a thank you from the South East Land Trust for the donation of \$250.00 for DCC membership dues.

The trash in the Quail Hill area has now been all cleaned up.

Collette's Mountain update – This is land that was given to the Town by Paul Collette, former Derry Mayor and his family. Chair read a motion to authorize the Town's Legal Counsel to bring a Quiet Title Petition to the Rockingham County Superior Court regarding this Town Conservation Land known as Collette's Mountain. Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the motion. James Degnan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scout update -Chair has received a request for overnight camping at Broadview Farm. This is the third request so far this year.

*Invasives* -Former DCC member Jim Arruda had started a project on the Japanese Knotweed invasion. He will be meeting with DCC Chair, Margaret Ives to hand over his research and materials that he had d worked on. Jim's project on Japanese Knotweed should still continue to be worked on.

The J&F Farm tour went well. Farmer, Phil Ferdinando gave a tour of the different corn fields planted. He pointed out the cow corn fields and corn fields planted for human consumption. He gave the attendees a freshly picked ear of corn to sample.

The fee for Derryfest needs to be looked into for a possible double payment of \$50.00 each for the Go Green and DCC booths.

There is an invoice for \$2,100.00 from Errol Charbonneau for the cost of an appraisal done at the Caras property. Paul Dionne made a motion to pay the \$2,100.00 to be taken from the Land Use Fund. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Go Green:**

Town wide cleanup week is October 3rd through the 10th. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Go Green Chair, Liz@go-green-derry.org.

There will be a guided walking tour of the Low property on August 15th. Access is at the end of Hubbard Hill Rd. Judy Follo will be the guide.

The Corneliusen guided walk is September 12th. Access is at the end of 17 Holiday Ave.

Low Property – Eileen Chabot reported lots of vegetation/brush growing along the trail. There are also some trees that have fallen across the trail. This should be cleaned up before the Go Green walk scheduled for August 15th. This will be looked into as far as getting a cleanup crew out there or changing the date of the walk.

The NH Fish & Game will supply "No Hunting" signs at no charge to DCC as long as the property is considered to be 50 % active recreation use. A document needs to be signed by the Commission proclaiming that fact. This will be looked into to see if the lands meet the criteria. Fish & Game also has other signage available.

#### **Other Business:**

A Public Hearing will be held at the next Derry Town Council meeting, August 4<sup>th</sup> on the Gunther/Nelson Property Conservation Easement.

**Adjournment:**

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson