



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 10, 2013

On June 10, 2013 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, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Paul Doolittle, Margaret Ives, Chair, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page, and Dennis Wiley. Richard Tripp & Beverly Ferrante were absent. Peg Kinsella sat for Beverly Ferrante.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of April 29, 2013. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Marianne Page, Ric Buzzanga, Peg Kinsella & James Degnan abstained. With the lack of a quorum, these minutes will have to be approved at the next meeting June 24, 2013.

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2013 with one change. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Marianne page, Ric Buzzanga and James Degnan abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence:

Chair has received a thank you note from UNH for \$50.00 for the 4-H gift. The check was supposed to be for \$150.00. Chair will check with the Finance department on the amount.

DES:

Hampstead Rd & Harvest Dr. Estates- For the property at 1 Harvest Dr. - The application has been returned for being incomplete.

64 & 66 Beaver Lake Ave. – Shoreline impact permit. The request is to demolish 2 existing structures, combine the lots and build one new residence.

Members were informed that the Conservation Office in the Derry Municipal Center (2nd floor) has been relocated to the mail room/mapping area.

Site Review:

37 Scobie Pond Rd. – Tax Map/Lot 08017- Dumpster Depot. This is a 62 acre parcel at the end of Ashleigh Dr. The owner of the property is Accurate Transport. Chris Tymula from MHF Design gave the presentation. The plan was previously presented to the Conservation commission and signed at the April 8th meeting. Plans were not given to each individual member for viewing at that meeting. The commission did sign the plan that night but had asked Chris to report again to the commission with plans for each member to review. Since the first presentation of the plan, there has been a site walk and (2) Planning Board hearings. The only change to the plan was to put in a buffer on the northern side, where the nearest house in that area is 1,100 feet away. The buffer would consist of 3 rows of plantings (4 different varieties), Balsam Fir, White Fir, Blue Spruce and Norway Spruce.

This was just a report from Chris tonight. There is still no wetland impact. Chris is waiting to hear from DES on the Alteration of Terrain permit. The plan is for the Dumpster Depot site only. Any future development on the rest of the property (which has 21 acres of wetlands) would have to go before all boards. There are no future subdivision plans to develop the rest of the property at this time. Part of this property has frontage on Scobie Pond Rd so the street address is 37 Scobie Pond Rd. The access to the property is on Ashleigh Dr. After discussion with the Derry Fire Department, The address for this property will be 41 Ashleigh Dr. The commission did not see any issues with the signed plan or with the additional added buffer to the plan. The plan goes back to the Planning Board in 2 weeks.

Site Review:

7 Linda Rd. Tax Map /Lot 03/039 – Joseph Maynard from Benchmark Engineering gave the presentation. This piece of property is actually a residual piece of property to a piece of land that is in the Town of Windham, NH (Spruce Pond Estates). The Town Lines cut into the property with about 5 acres of the land being in Derry. Plans were brought before the boards about 4 years ago on a road called Middleridge Rd. which connects into this Windham subdivision from another direction in Derry. The Derry Planning Board approval lasts for one year. Since it has taken years to get to a point where a road could be put in to get up there to build, the presentation of the plan shown tonight was held off until time of construction. The adjacent Linda Rd. (Derry) subdivision which was built in the 1960's had a paper right of way leading up to this 5 acre property. This paper right of way has a grade of 40 to 50 percent which is not conducive to allow a road to be constructed to get up to this piece of land from the Derry side.

The plan being presented tonight is to enter into this 5 acre parcel of Derry land from Windham, on a road that was approved by the Town of Windham 4 years ago to construct a cul-de-sac. The road was designed years ago to leave enough frontage for the lots at the end of the cul-de-sac, however, it is not enough frontage to meet Derry's requirements (150 feet of frontage with 2 acres) A variance would be needed to even make the parcel two lots the way the Derry ordinance is written.

A variance was applied for with the Derry zoning Board recently. The Zoning Board would not hear the request until this part of the road was **Derry** approved. After meeting with the Conservation Commission tonight and having the commission's approval of just the cul-de-sac area, the next step is to go before the Derry Planning Board to get the road portion (Derry portion of the road) of the cul-de-sac approved, then it can be brought before Derry Zoning Board again for a variance for a possible 2 to 3 lot subdivision of the parcel. There is no wetland impact or aquifers in this parcel.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for the chair to sign the plan. Paul Dionne seconded the motion with an amendment for the chair to sign the plan for Tax/Map/03/039 for the cul-de-sac and that there is no wetland impacts on this plan what so ever. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

BF Gardens – there are 23 gardeners who have returned and 14 new gardeners this years. Compost bins were put up by the Go Green committee. A composting Workshop has taken place. Dennis Wiley constructed the bins with oak from his old home.

Cole Marsh Walk- June 15, at 8:00 am. Meet at Damren Rd.

J & F Farm Walk – July 20th - Phil Ferdinando will host the tour @ 8:00 am.

Weber- The Commission had sent out letters in 2011 regarding the use of ATVS on Conservation Land to all the registered ATV users in Derry. Chair suggested using the same letter again with this mailing.

James Degnan suggested contacting Roland, from NH ATV Club to see if this info could also be put in the club's newsletter, website or message board to reach all ATV users.

Paul Dionne made a motion to send out the mailing to the registered ATV owners at a cost of not to exceed \$400.00. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Land Stewards: Updates have been received on the Doolittle Property, and Cole Marsh. Richard Tripp sends memos to the Land Stewards. Members were advised to contact Richard if they have any new stewards.

Japanese Knotweed Update:

Jim Arruda is continuing his research on Japanese Knotweed. The cost to apply for a license to apply herbicides is \$20.00. The study material costs \$200.00 to \$300.00. There is 40 hours of studying and a test to take in order to get the license. Jim would like to see a town employee get licensed to apply. A license is not required if the person is spraying on his or her own property.

Paul Dionne has sent for some materials from a company in Toronto Canada on an organic pesticide that has been developed and is guaranteed to kill knotweed in one treatment. This product does not require a license to apply.

After discussion the commission decided that the main focus is to “**educate the public**” featuring Japanese Knotweed. Displaying pictures of it, having education material and even a sample of the species at Derryfest and putting information out on the Derry website. Also having information available at the libraries and at the Derry Municipal Center. Getting the info out to the Go Green team members and possible discussion at one of the Go Green meetings. Dennis Wiley suggested using the pamphlet, *NH Guide to Invasive Species*. Perhaps purchasing some of the pamphlets to hand out at Derryfest. The NH Fish & Game is creating maps on invasive species by town. There are three invasives in Derry that Fish & game would like removed before they spread. Blunt Leaf Privet, Dame’s Rocket and Mustard Garlic. These all can be controlled by pulling. Jim Arruda is working on mapping the areas of infestation of Japanese Knotweed and on developing an electronic database for public information. These were some of the options discussed by the commission.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn. Ric Buzzanga Seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson