



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting September 23, 2013

On September 23, 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, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Paul Doolittle, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Chair, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley.

Ric Buzzanga, Peg Kinsella & Marianne Page were absent. James Degnan sat for Ric Buzzanga.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 2013. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. Jim Arruda and James Degnan abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence & Bills:

Paul Dionne made a motion to pay \$359.00 from the Administrative Account to reimburse Dennis Wiley for the purchase of weed wrenches from a weed wrench Company in Grants Pass Oregon. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

The State of NH has submitted to DES a Standard Dredge & Fill application for the intersection of Kilrea Rd., Windham Depot Rd. & Route 28. There is a wetland impact of 9,765 sq. There will be no impact to Ezekiel Pond. There is no impact to species according to the Heritage Bureau. There are 2 streams in the area. There is some infringement to abutters. A site walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Japanese Knotweed Update: The session at Derryfest went well. A Japanese Knotweed sample was on display. A map was available for residents to mark any location of infestation that they were aware of. Residents were instructed to cut knotweed, bag it and transport it to the transfer station for disposal. Advice was given on the use of Roundup near water and to use a Milestone product instead. Go Green and DCC members will also be helping with infested areas on the map.

Dumpster Depot:

There will be a Zoning Board Meeting October 3rd, 2013. Some of the residents in the area are appealing the Planning Board & Zoning Board decisions to allow Dumpster Depot to construct an Office, a Warehouse and Storage Area for 350 dumpsters at the 62.8 acre/Industrial III site. The residents are taking the appeal to Superior Court. DCC had previously approved the plan for Dumpster Depot in June of 2013 under the conditions that there would be no fueling of vehicles on site, the dumpsters would be emptied and cleaned out at a waste management facility before being brought back to the Derry site for storage. The Conservation Commission did not a scheduled site walk of the proposed area at the time of their approval of the plan. Under RSA 36A, the commission's purview is to "*protect natural resources and water sheds*". In this particular plan that Dumpster Depot presented, the wetlands are 180 to 200 feet away from the proposed building. The Commission members were assured that the dumpsters would be brought back to the site emptied and cleaned. The Conservation Commission has not been invited by the Zoning Board to appear at the meeting on October 3, 2013, however, 3 of the Conservation Commission members will be in attendance. Only three members can attend. Any more than 3 members in attendance would constitute a meeting. The DCC members can listen to the meeting only. They will not be allowed to speak.

Summer Intern update: Dan Cox is up to date with his scheduled projects. He has made the signage at Weber and it looks good. He has cleared the path at Cole Marsh. DCC members were asked to think of any areas that need to have work done. Suggestions were to clear the entrance at the Corneliusen Property off Holiday Ave. and to do some clearing at Broadview.

Site Review:

6 Beaver Lake Ave. – Tax Map/Lot 09-045. Tim Peloquin of Promised Land Survey was not able to appear tonight. Paul George was there in Tim's place and he gave the presentation. The parcel referenced is 35 acres at Old Chester Rd. and Beaver Lake Ave. The Zoning Board has approved 8 lots. Four of the lots are on Old Chester Rd. and three of the lots are on Beaver Lake Ave. On Lot #1 there will be an additional 8,600 ft. of conservation easement added to the existing easement already there. This will give future accessibility from both sides of the easement whereas now the land can only be entered from one side. On lot # 003, the proposal is for a driveway crossing. The driveway will be 24 ft. long and 12 ft. wide. There will be a wetland impact of 793 sq. ft. A site walk was scheduled for September 28th at 8:00 am.

Weber Forestry Management Plan:

Forester, Charlie Moreno gave a description of his plan and answered questions. The parcel at Weber is a little over 200 acres. Approximately 1/3 of the land is high value wetlands and a little less than 2/3 of the land is upland area. There is a nice forested area in one of the peninsulas and the other area is a soft/hard wood mix. Although the boundaries need to be marked, DCC has cost concerns. Charlie is suggesting a light cutting and thinning of the trees as part of an improvement process. This would let in low light which helps the forest recover. A partial harvest was done back in the late 1980's. He is suggesting about 1/6 of the area be given a light harvest consisting of the removal of the weaker trees. Charlie will be the one to select which trees would be removed. The steps of Charlie's plan would provide as follows:

- Basic research: Arial photographs and maps compiled. He would provide a detailed map of the interior for vernal pools, stone walls, trails and prime wetlands.
- Field work – assessment of the soils, water, wildlife habitat & forest resources.

- Gauge uses – after completion of the research & field work Charlie would meet with DCC to discuss, any issues, diseases, recreation uses for the area and finances etc.
- Game plan – short term, long term goals, Schedule projects etc.

The plan will take about 3 months to complete. A possible start date would be after January 1st 2014 depending on the amount of snowfall. The plan would consist of blazing and painting boundaries on trees but it would not include the cost of surveying.

Paul Dionne made a motion for Charlie Moreno to go forward with the Forestry Management Plan at Weber, taking into consideration the estimated cost of \$4,200.00 to be taken from the Forestry Management Fund. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Derryfest - All of the Conservation maps were handed out. Eagle Scout, Troop #405 Tyler Pascucci's map of the work done at the Low Property as his Eagle Scout Project was on display. Go Green was set up in the booth next to DCC. They were informing people of the town wide clean-up scheduled for October 19th to the 26th. Beaver Lake Improvement was set up on the other side of the Conservation booth. BLIA had a display set up by the DOT showing storm water runoff from land where there is no vegetation, and road salt run off which would empty into Beaver Lake as an example.

Chair is working on the Annual Town Report which is due this week. The report will highlight the number of site reviews, dredge & fills, the Shepard Invasive Control Project, Broadview Gardens and gifts that were given to Conservation.

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson