



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting December 22, 2014

On December 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Richard Tripp & Dennis Wiley. Town Council liaison Tom Cardon was present. Jim Arruda, James Degnan, Peg Kinsella & Marianne Page were absent. Richard Tripp sat for Jim Arruda.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of December 8, 2014. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Chair passed around a brochure from the South East Land Trust that contained an article called "A Season of Secrets" written by Emmy Carcagno on the migration of the winter birds and the birds that stay for the winter.

The South East Land Trust has done site walks on the Phil Ferdinando properties and has sent monitoring reports to DCC. One report is on the 47.8 acres parcel on English Range Rd. The other is for the 18 plus or minus acres on 121 Chester Rd. (Rte. 102). The reports were done in August 2014 by Andrew Wilkens. According to the reports, all is fine on both properties. A thank you was announced by the chair to the South East Land Trust.

D&F:

A Dredge & Fill has been received. This is a State of NH Project for the widening of Interstate Route 93. This is a 13 mile stretch starting in Windham, NH, heading up through Derry, Londonderry and Manchester to the I93/293 Interchange. Exit 4-A is not part of this project. There is a mitigation property that affects some of the towns. The proposed widening will necessitate drainage

improvements, culverts, and bridges. There are two vernal pools in Londonderry that will be affected. It will necessitate some cut & fill slopes within the project limits, to increase the visual scale of the highway. There will be removal of roadside vegetation, more noise barriers installed. It will provide a connection for the disjointed Rockingham Recreation Trail from Beacon Hill Rd to North Lowell Rd. There will be water quality treatment basins to collect roadway run-off. The Beaver Brook Crossing and other places not in Derry will be changed from culverts to bridges. Temporary erosion and sedimentation control devices will be in place. Thirteen wetlands are within the project area. The majority of the wetlands comprise a network of inter connective systems within 5 major watersheds plus some sub watersheds.

The NH Heritage Natural Bureau has researched area species in Derry:

The Southwest corner of Peppermint Corner – Grasshopper Sparrow
South of Robert Frost Farm/Berry Rd – Spotted Turtle
West Running Brook/ intersection Strawberry Hill Rd – Wood Turtle

Chair would like some of the commission members to review this I-93 plan Dredge & Fill plan so that a response can be sent to DES from DCC. Eileen Chabot and Richard Tripp will assist with the review.

Site Review:

Whitney's Grove Rd – Tax map/Lot 0498 – This is a 7 plus acre site that will be split into two parcels. There is an existing house. Another house will be built on the section that is to be split. DCC has done a site walk of the area. There is an existing pond, which has been created from an 18 inch culvert that runs under Whitney's Grove Rd. Engineer, Jim Lavelle, was not present this evening to answer any questions. There are concerns on the installation of the septic system, the location, footage, slope and distance. Will there be any effect on the small pond. This may possibly be followed up on at the next DCC meeting January 12, 2015.

Update on Conservation activities:

The entrance kiosks at Broadview Farm and at the Corneliusen property need to be refreshed. The maps are faded and need to be replaced. Richard Tripp will look into this.

Go Green:

At the last meeting, a full slate of activities was scheduled for the upcoming year, such as a cross country skiing event in February 2015, environmental speakers being brought in to speak, etc. A full schedule was not available at this time but will be brought forth soon.

A call has been received from Craig Durrett about the Jenney Dickey overflowing into Beaver Lake. A beaver dam at Broadview is broken. Chair will look into what is causing the excess flow.

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."

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to enter into non-public session. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were members were polled and voted yes. Motion carried.

Dennis Wiley 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. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm and the non-public session began.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson