



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St.  
Derry NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting on November 9, 2009**

On November 9, 2009 at 7:30 the Conservation Commission met in the NH Room of the Derry Municipal Center. The following members were present; Beverly Ferrante, Jim Arruda, Margaret Ives, Dennis Wiley, alternates; Paul Doolittle sitting for Paul Dionne, Marianne Page sitting for Ric Buzzanga; Town Council rep Neil Wetherbee. Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Motion made by D. Wiley, seconded by B. Ferrante to accept the minutes of the October 26 public meeting. J. Arruda abstained, all others approved. Motion made by D. Wiley, seconded by M. Page to accept the minutes of the Non-Public meeting of October 26. All approved.

### **Chair's Report**

Mike Fowler notified the chairman of the completion of the Cole Marsh dam. The commission will be responsible for monitoring. The chairman requested that any commission members visiting the area check the dam for any potential problems. 95 Conley's Grove dredge and fill application monitoring completed. Beaver Lake Public Boat Access at Chase Street, dredge and fill monitoring completed. The chairman has requested additional information from the NH ATV Club on the parking lot expansion at Tax Map 07a Lot 37 on the recreation trail near Warner Hill road, due to a possible wetland impact. M. Ives and J. Arruda will assess with a site visit.

### **2009 NH Association of Conservation Commissions Meeting**

The chairman, P. Dionne and D. Wiley attend the meeting at which P. Dionne was elected the NHACC chairman for 2010.

The keynote speaker was Lorraine Stuart Merrill, Commissioner of the NH Department of Agriculture. She spoke on the current status of agriculture in NH and the importance of keeping our remaining farms in production.

The afternoon workshop on upland invasive species of NH, presented by Doug Cygan the Invasive Species Coordinator, NH Dept. of Agriculture was especially interesting. Doug covered identification and control of the major invasive plant species in our area, along with the invasive insect species, Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Long horned Beetle. The commission has requested that Doug give his presentation in Derry to the public at a Conservation meeting early in 2010.

#### **Site Review – PSNH Scobie Pond Distribution SubStation Expansion**

Expansion plans for the PSNH Scobie Pond Distribution Substation at 38 Scobie Pond Road, Tax Map/Lot 08D/008 were presented by Nick Golon from T.F. Moran, and Kevin Duaine from PSNH. PSNH's community relation's manager Elizabeth Larocca also attended the meeting.

The current Distribution Substation yard covers 20,000 Sq. Ft. with an expansion plan for 7,500 Sq. There are two wetland areas on the lot; the one that will be affected by this expansion plan is an approximately 10,000 Sq. Ft. wetland to be impacted by approximately 2,000 Sq. Ft. The wetlands were flagged in 2001 and are currently being reevaluated by West Environmental.

Jim Arruda asked if any vehicles were stored at the facility. PSNH responded that only routine maintenance vehicles visited the site and no vehicles would be stored there. PSNH stated that expansion plan would include leak detection and containment for all transformers installed as part of this expansion.

The commission scheduled a site walk for Thursday 11/12/2009 at 08:00.

#### **Conservation Areas**

Shepard and Broadview – Charlie Moreno is currently working on the forestry management plans for these properties.

Broadview - Garden cleanup was completed on Monday 11/02/2009. Ready for next season.

Weber – there was some flooding of a residence due to beaver activity. The town has lowered the beaver dam for the winter to resolve the problem.

#### **Other**

The Derry Conservation Commission meeting for Monday November 26, 2009 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday December 14, 2009.

A motion was made by D. Wiley that the commission go to a non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3-(d) "Consideration of the acquisition, sale 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," The motion was seconded by B.Ferrante. All members were polled and the motion was approved unanimously. A motion was made by P. Doolittle that the DCC invite N. Wetherbee to attend the non-public meeting, seconded by B. Ferrante. Members were polled and all approved.

Public meeting adjourned at 8:45.