



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St.  
Derry NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting on January 25, 2010**

On January 25, 2010 at 7:30 the Derry Conservation Commission met in the NH Room of the Derry Municipal Center. The following members were present: Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Dennis Wiley, alternates Paul Doolittle sitting for Beverly Ferrante, Peg Kinsella sitting for Ellie Sarcione and Council representative N. Wetherbee.

A motion was made by P. Dionne, seconded by J. Arruda to accept the minutes of January 11, 2010 as updated. P. Dionne and R. Buzzanga abstained, all others approved.

#### **Chair's Report and Action Taken**

- The terms of three members will be ending this spring and they are reminded to refile.
- There was a request from the First Parish Church to hold an Easter Sunrise service at the Broadview Farm fire pit on April 4.
- The annual budget request is due by February 5. The previous budget for the administrative services funding was \$5000. A motion was made by P. Dionne to again request \$5000, seconded by D. Wiley, passed by unanimous vote.
- A letter from DES was received for emergency authorization for temporary impact for PSNH to repair poles. M. Ives will follow up.
- A letter from DES was received for shoreland permit at 95 Conley's Grove.
- A letter from DES was received for an extension to respond to delinquencies at Germantown Rd.
- A request was received from the SNH Planning Commission for a representative and an alternate for their Natural Resource Advisory Committee. P. Dionne has been attending and volunteered as representative and M. Ives volunteered as alternate. A motion was made by P. Kinsella, seconded by R. Buzzanga to appoint P. Dionne and M. Ives as rep and alternate, respectively. Motion passed unanimously. Meetings for 2010 will be held on 2/16, 4/20, 6/15, 9/21 and 11/16.

### **Public Hearing – Low Properties**

A motion was made by P. Dionne to open a public hearing on the acquisition of the Robert and Benjamin Low properties, seconded by P. Doolittle. Motion passed unanimously.

The properties are tax lots 06096 owned by Robert Low at 67 acres, and tax lots 06027 and 06025-001 owned by Benjamin Low at a combined 65.9 acres. The DCC recommends allocation of \$240,000 from the land protection fund to acquire these properties. This allocation would be in two segments of \$160K and \$80K. There are wetland reserve grants awards to be finalized later this year for conservation easements on these properties. D. Wiley and M. Ives described the features of these properties including location, wetlands, wildlife activity, access and the long-term DCC qualification of this property to be protected. Public comments were then invited. No members of the public present wished to comment.

A motion was made by P. Dionne, seconded by R. Buzzanga to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Public hearing was closed.

Ben Low, owner of one of the properties spoke to the commission about the history of the parcels, one being known as "The Continental" referring to stories of the Continental Army having camped in that area. The next step is a public hearing by the Council. Town Council rep N. Wetherbee will request Rick Metts/Gary Stenhouse to add this to the Council agenda.

### **Site Reviews:**

The preliminary site review of **M-R Wood Recycling, Scobie Pond Rd, Tax Map/Lot 08-D/14** was presented by Lindsay O'Reilly, Gove Environmental Services. The proposed project would apply for permit to fill 13,000 sq.' of wetland on an approximately 17 acre lot. It was not known if this wetland is isolated. There is no aquifer at this site. Mitigation ideas are sought from the DCC before the proposal is submitted. A site walk is planned for Saturday, January 30 at 8:00 AM.

The site review of **128 E. Broadway, Tax Map/Lot 37010** was presented by Wes Aspinwall of Hebert Associates. The proposal has a zoning variance for business use in a residential area. The plan would increase the total parking spaces to include existing employee parking on the west side and 7-8 spaces for customer parking on the east to be accessed off Crescent St. The total lot is .49 acres. The impervious area appears to be > 50%. P. Dionne pointed out that per the aquifer maps, the property is within the aquifer. Therefore, the project may be put on the agenda later to discuss any modifications.

### **Forestry Management Plan**

The compiled comments for the draft plan submitted by Charlie Moreno were discussed. The commission members felt the format of the plan should be used for future plans for other conservation properties. The plan for the Doolittle area is scheduled next. There is a plan for Cole Marsh that needs updating and there is a draft plan for Broadview. There is \$29K in the forestry fund. The development of a plan is @ \$65/hr. and required 30 hours for the Shepard plan. M. Ives reports that Arthur Caras has volunteered to help with

the mowing of Shepard. Parking issues at all conservation properties were discussed. M. Ives seeks volunteers to develop a parking plan and talk with neighbors.

**Ruth Miller Property**

D. Wiley has investigated the documented history of the Miller property on Mill Rd. He found many maps and deeds. There are also many markers in the area; stone walls, pipes, culverts, and bounds of the railroad bed and Mill Rd. enough to show legal boundaries for the property without survey. D. Wiley has discussed this with Steve Clark. D. Wiley motioned that the DCC accept the gift of land from Ruth Miller, seconded by P. Dionne. Motion passed unanimously. M. Ives will call Ruth Miller.

Motion made by P. Dionne to adjourn, seconded by J. Arruda. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:50.