



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting April 12, 2010

On April 12 at 7:30 the Derry Conservation Commission met in the NH Room of the Derry Municipal Center. The following members were present: Jim Arruda, Paul Dionne, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Dennis Wiley, alternates Peg Kinsella sitting for Ric Buzzanga and Marianne Page sitting for the vacant seat.

The floor was opened for election of officers. B. Ferrante nominated M. Ives for chairman, seconded by J. Arruda. M. Ives abstained. All others approved. B. Ferrante nominated P. Dionne for vice chair; seconded by P. Kinsella. P. Dionne abstained. All others approved. P. Dionne nominated B. Ferrante for treasurer, seconded by J. Arruda. B. Ferrante abstained. All others approved. The election to office of secretary was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by P. Dionne, seconded by B. Ferrante to accept the minutes of March 22, 2010. P. Dionne abstained, all others approved. A motion was made by D. Wiley, seconded by J. Arruda to accept the minutes of the non-public of Mar. 22. P. Dionne abstained, all others approved.

Chair's Report:

- Letters from the DES
 - 29 Scobie Pond Rd. – letter of completeness
 - PSNH – regarding a pole replacement
 - Derry Harvest Estates – 50 sq. ft. wetland to be restored
 - Chase St. – standard dredge and fill. DES letter cites Japanese knotweed; DES approves systemic herbicide use.
- Tree Farmer Magazine – March and April issues available at the DCC file cabinet.
- The Union Leader has an article by the Society for the Preservation of NH Forests celebrating the centennial on May 1 of the State Forest Nursery.
- The Derry Record Retention Committee needs a list of DCC files. DCC will need to provide finance with documentation of future work done by scouts and other volunteers.
- Chairman Ives has contacted Doug Rathburn about GPS training. A public workshop will be arranged at the library for Doug Rathburn on the use of online maps.
- Saturday is cleanup day. Bags are available; let the transfer station know where bags have been left for pickup.

A motion was made by P. Dionne, seconded by B. Ferrante for the amount of \$120 from the administrative fund for the "Special Places" conference attended by D. Wiley and J. Arruda. All approved.

Site Reviews:

1) Overlook Medical Park 6 Tsienneto Rd, Tax Map/Lot 08079-001. Keith Coviello of Sublime Consultants presented the updates to plan for adding 24 parking spaces, following a site walk. The plan now shows location of gas/oil separator, additional notes (8) regarding the maintenance of permeable pavement and the location of snow storage. A motion was

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made by P. Dionne to authorize the chair to sign the plan, seconded by D. Wiley. All approved. This will be the first commercial use of permeable pavement in Derry and the DCC showed much interest in its future.

2) Scobie Pond Rd. Londonderry to Ash St./ High St. 32W4 Line Project, PSNH. Nick Golon of TFM and Jim Mayo of PSNH presented the plan to improve reliability of the Scobie substation to the Ash and High St. substations. This will break up the load and provide more backup to the system. There are 8 wetland impacts; one in Derry at 480 sq ft. to provide access. This access will have twin 12" culverts running under the crossing with stone bottom. There will be no impact to Shields Brook. P. Dionne motioned to authorize the chair to send a dredge and fill note, seconded by B. Ferrante. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Rail Trail from Bowers Rd. to North Lowell Rd. Luke Hurley of Gove Environmental Services presented a request to dredge and fill for phase II of the rail trail paving project. There will be an impact of 63,078 sq ft. to the prime wetland buffer only, by state definition of 100' buffer, superseding the Derry definition of 150' buffer. There will be 9' of blacktop with a one ft gravel shoulder on each side. There will be a vegetative swale three ft. wide and one ft deep on sides facing hills. Existing culverts will be left as is. The elevation will be made more consistent. Existing narrower sections will not be widened. Members asked to have follow up information about erosion at the edges of the raised areas, whether there should be compensatory storage areas in the event of flood and whose responsibility it will be to maintain the swale. Members also asked about beaver activity, and if there was any knowledge of when the silt fencing would be removed from the phase I area. There will be a site walk on Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 PM at the Bowers Rd. access.

Conservation Activities

Cole Marsh – beavers have plugged the spillway at the dam. Alan Cote will arrange to have it cleared. The floating bridge is being repaired by parties unknown.

Shepard – Tracy Degnan sent DCC the draft for the SE Land Trust grant for invasives. Work to be done by Derry volunteers and Rockingham County Conservation District. A motion was made by P. Dionne to approve the draft, seconded by B. Ferrante. Approved unanimously.

Hannah Martin property – PI and other invasives need to be cleared. P. Dionne and Phil Ferdinando will work on this.

Broadview – M. Ives walked trails with Phil Auger. Trees are down on the green trail. The trail from the outhouse to the prime wetland should remain closed. A low cost way to remove the trees is needed and there is no good logging road into the area.

NH Agricultural Commission – D. Wiley and P. Kinsella attended. The communities of Weare, Lee and Loudon presented the methods for starting their local agricultural commissions and the current activities including farmers' markets. "Special Places" - J. Arruda and D. Wiley attended workshops on these topics: Field and forest habitats are disappearing and need selective cutting and maintenance techniques. Illegal trails are being made and damage from ATVs including on private land is increasing. DNA studies show the Eastern coyote and the Canadian red wolf are interbreeding resulting in a population of larger coyote in the area.

M. Ives has contacted John Dooney to draft a brochure to help gather stewards for conservation properties. (reference programs in Lexington, MA and Kingston NH)

The Outreach Committee nature walk series starts with Broadview on Saturday May 15 at 8:00 AM.

The NH Association of Conservation Commissions website is nhacc.org. P. Dionne will email the password to access.

There will be no DCC meeting on April 26. The next meeting will be May 10.

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Motion to adjourn made by P. Dionne, seconded by D. Wiley. All approved. Adjourned at 9:35.