

Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 14, 2010

On June 14 at 7:30 the Derry Conservation Commission met in the NH Room of the Derry Municipal Center. The following members were present: Jim Arruda, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Dennis Wiley, Ric Buzzanga, Marianne Page, and alternate Richard Tripp. Marianne Page sat for Paul Dionne and Richard Tripp sat for Paul Doolittle. Paul Doolittle arrived and Richard Tripp stepped down.

A motion was made by Ric Buzzanga, seconded by Paul Doolittle to accept the corrected minutes of May 24, 2010. None abstained, all others approved, motion carried.

Chair's Report:

Troop 405 – 45th anniversary at First Parish Church. At eagle ceremony for Michael Pika it was noted that he refurbished the water pump at Broadview Park and built a sturdy picnic table for his eagle project.

At eagle ceremony for Jonathon Gains it was noted that he put in a sixteen foot bridge at Cole Marsh near the dam. During the flood of 2008 the dam was breached and the bridge crossing the stream was washed downstream.

An invoice was received from J&F Farms in the amount of \$2050 for maintaining the area along Lane Road. This is a conservation easement on property owned by Hannah Martin. It is stipulated in the easement that the conservation commission would take care of removing invasives which are along the road. Work performed was the cutting of brush, applied herbicide, and chipped the brush. Motion by Paul Doolittle, second by Ric Buzzanga to approve. None abstained, all others approved, motion carried. It was noted that payment would be from the land management fund and that this will probably have to be done again next year to fully remove the invasives.

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Chase Street at Beaver Brook – wetlands and on site specific permits issued.

95 Conleys Grove Road – Gove Environmental Services report concerning shore line restoration.

246 Island Pond Road – administrative order suspending all work on property until a plan has been put in place.

Site Reviews:

191 Rockingham Road (tax map/lot 03/084) – Tony DeRosa presented plans for an automotive repair shop on less than an acre site. A site walk was held on June first. It was noted the setback is thirty feet back from the wetlands rather than the sixty eight stated at the May 24 meeting. Ric Buzzanga moved the chair be authorized to sign the plan, second by Beverly Ferrante. None abstained, all others approved, motion carried.

40 Fordway Street (tax map/lot 23/5) – Thomas Garside presented plans for an office building on the old DPW site which is approximately seven acres. The property is abutted by Beaver Creek. It was noted that since the property is in an aquifer zone at least thirty percent of the site must be permeable. It was noted that the wetlands must be flagged before the site walk is held. A site walk is scheduled for June 26 (Saturday) at eight AM.

Rail Trail – Eric Whitney, Rail Trail Alliance (RTA) Chairman, and Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental Services. A letter from Mike Fowler to Eric Whitney indicating the Town of Derry would be responsible for removal of large obstructions to include trees and boulders which fall across the trail, debris from

culvert, mowing and brush cutback, applying paint and materials for graffiti removal, sign replacement, and erosion work. The Rail Trail Alliance/Pathfinders would be responsible for inspection, trash and litter pickup, labor for vandalism and graffiti removal, and Earth Day participation for spring cleanup. There was discussion as to the extent of culvert work needing to be done as some are flooded due to beaver activity. Discussion continued with the type of paving to be used with several sections, gravel on the side, and swales planned. Location of the swales will be determined when the plans are better defined.

It was noted the application deals only with wetlands along the trail in Derry and not the Windham wetlands. A separate application will deal with the Windham wetlands and will be done in the future. All work is being done under a transportation enhancement (TE) grant which is a joint project between Derry, Windham, and Salem.

Motion by Dennis Wiley to approve the proposed plan, dated March 2010, from station 36+00 to station 113+00 with the stipulation that notes are placed on the plan identifying who will maintain the culverts and swales used to control and prevent flooding, that silt fences will be installed during paving and removed once the area has stabilized, and that separate applications will be made to cover trail beyond station 113+00 to North Lowell Road. Second by Ric Buzzanga. None abstained, all others approved, motion carried.

M&R Wood Recycling (tax map/lot 08-D/14) – they are asking us to reconsider requiring use of larger than twenty-four inch pipe. When site plan was initially developed Holden Engineering they had recommended use of twenty-four inch reinforced concrete pipe which exists on site today. The pipe is not located in a one hundred year floodplain and fits the site. During site walk in December 2009 it was noted there was substantial flow through the pipe and that it would increase during the spring run-off and that the adequacy was questioned. Other than the pipe size the site plan is ready to go and if we agree to the pipe size they will send a letter stipulates all the conditions previously discussed, including the wetland mitigation, which is roughly five to ten acres. It was agreed that the existing pipe size is acceptable as no damage on the site, as it exists, was observed.

Conservation Activity:

Shepard Property – A survey of the property was requested by the Southeast Land Trust (SLT). The property has already been surveyed three times and is marked by lead pipe, wagon axle, stone wall, etc. Only minor differences exist between the surveys. Motion by Dennis Wiley to obtain copies of surveys from New Hampshire Register of Deeds at a cost of approximately twenty-five dollars. Once the marker locations are verified we can put on the Derry Conservation Commission (DCC) stickers. Copies of the existing surveys will be forwarded to the SLT. Second by Marianne Page. None abstained, all others approved, motion carried.

Broadview Farm – tent platforms are damaged due to vandalism (broke up to use for bonfires) and rotting. It was suggested to move the tent site to a less isolated area. This was rejected because the site is used by Boy Scouts for camping. Material to restore platforms will be donated by Richard Tripp and Troop 405 will do the work.

Other Business:

Farmers Market - Beverly Ferrante reported that the market will begin July seven and continue through October thirteen. There are sixteen vendors and the market will be held on Wednesday three until seven PM between Broadway and Derry Feed. Plans are in progress to extend the market through the winter and possibly expand to a Saturday market.

Non-Public Meeting:

Motion to go into non-public meeting per the agenda by Ric Buzzanga, second by Marianne Page. Members voting aye: Marianne Page, Jim Arruda, Margie Ives, Ric Buzzanga, Beverly Ferrante, Dennis Wiley, and Paul Doolittle. Members voting nay: none. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

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Motion by Dennis Wiley to adjourn, second by Paul Doolittle. None abstained, all others approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.