



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 13, 2011

On June 13 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 Doolittle, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Dennis Wiley, alternates Peg Kinsella sitting for Ric Buzzanga and Jim Degnan sitting for Paul Dionne.

A motion was made by Jim Arruda, seconded by Beverly Ferrante to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2011 as updated. Paul Doolittle abstained. All others voted to accept.

Chair's Report

- DES regarding the Bartlett Rd. site for a permit for subdivision of land subject to subsurface waste water disposal. The DCC will not hear from James Lavelle Engineering as scheduled tonight awaiting further info on water tests and hazardous waste cleanup.
- A letter from DES regarding 11 Grove St. The trees that were removed were more than 100' from the wetlands so there was no violation.
- The Southeast Land Trust announces Deb Goard as new Easement Stewardship Manager.
- A reminder from Big Island Pond Assoc. regarding the swimming ban last year due to cyanobacteria. There should be no herbicide or pesticide use within 25' of water, no lawns near water, no adding of sand to water edge, no removal of vegetation and no use of fertilizer within 25' of water.
- DES is accepting applications for water supply grants, due Sept. 1.
- The Chair recommends two reports for members to read: Stormwater Management in the TIF, Sept 2010 and Report on Protected Lands in Derry by Elizabeth Robidoux. Links will be provided.

Site Reviews

Yvon Cormier Construction Co., 7Ashleigh Dr., Tax map/Lot 8/280-4, Luke Hurley and Chris Tymula of Gove Environmental Services, including dredge and fill. This is a follow-up to the DCC site walk last week. There were two issues. The 70' length of the 18" high, 10' wide culvert was thought to be too long and dark and would discourage wildlife from navigating across. Dennis Wiley asked if catch-basin grates installed to provide light in the culvert was possible. Per Chris Tymula this has been done on other projects and it was agreed that several grates would mitigate the issue.

The second issue was the planned tree cutting, leaving stumps to provide visibility from the road. It was proposed that stumping would be done in all of the parcel south of the driveway except for a triangular area and the top of the hill. No cutting would be done to the north of the drive. Members sought different means to achieve visibility. It was suggested that a registered forester could choose trees to thin in order to give the desired visibility, while leaving roughly 1/3 of the mature trees. This suggestion will be made to the owner and another review will be held at the next DCC meeting.

Other Business

Update on Conservation Areas

Weber – Margie Ives reports that Ric Buzzanga is contacting the Derry Pathfinders to make a date for the cleanup.

Broadview - Fence repair and adding boulders. Margie Ives reports her neighbor will provide boulders and that Paul Dionne will get quotes for the fence part replacements. Paul Doolittle reports that Karen Dudley of NCRS wants to test the soil at Broadview. Members agreed and would like to see the results.

Cole Marsh - Intern Ian Gaudreau located boundaries and flagged them. He will work with Doug Rathburn to locate and map the trails. Dennis Wiley will obtain missing deed from the registry.

Grinnell and the Low Properties – Dennis Wiley and Ian Gaudreau will do mapping and lay out new trails at Low.

Quail Hill – Jim Degnan fixed the sign board, collected trash, and noted there have been some fires as well as “campsites” built. Some trees appear to have been cut either on conservation land or not and left on the conservation land. Jim will contact the fire department about the fires. He would like a map to post on the sign and some plexiglass for same.

Margie Ives distributed an updated Observation Report for Stewards.
June 18 at 8:00 AM is the Cole Marsh walk at Damren Rd.

Beverly Ferrante motioned to adjourn, second by Dennis Wiley. All approved.
Adjourned at 8:50