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Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting August 22, 2011

On August 22 at 7:30 the Derry Conservation Commission met in the ~~NH Room of the~~ Derry Municipal Center. The following members were present: Ric Buzzanga, Jim Degnan, Margaret Ives, Beverly Ferrante, Richard Tripp, and Dennis Wiley. Jim Degnan sat for Paul Dionne and Richard Tripp sat for Jim Arruda.

Minutes for July 25 and July 11 not available and will be accepted at next meeting.

Chair's Report:

UNH Cooperative Extension Converts Project – motion by Dennis Wiley, second by Ric Buzzanga, to reimburse Paula Frank for workshop costs in the amount of \$50.00 from the administrative services account, motion carried unanimously.

Derry Feed – motion by Dennis Wiley, second by Ric Buzzanga, to pay Derry Feed for smoke bombs for the control of woodchucks at Broadview Farms in the amount of \$20.56 from the administrative services account, motion carried unanimously.

Local Government Center – is soliciting applications for Municipal Volunteer of the Year.

Phil Auger – UNH Cooperative Extension employee is retiring. The ceremony will be held at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth on August 31st. Cost is \$25 per person.

Adams Pond – dam owner is proposing to remove stop logs from dam. Any work on dam requires an informational meeting, approval by DES and Fish and Game. More details when known.

Wildlife – a presentation on nature walks will be held at Brentwood October 7 from 1 to 4 PM.
Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission – a dinner meeting will be held September 9th at the Puritan Conference Center.

Granite State Tree Farm – the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests will hold their annual meeting on September 17 at Whitefield NH.

Craig Durette – Town environmental engineer reported at the Beaver Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) annual meeting that the dam on Pond Road will be removed because it is not functioning. It will be removed in October of this year.

Beaver Lake Improvement Association – Dan Cox reported on the condition of 3 streams of the Beaver Lake Watershed. They used the New Hampshire Rapid Stream Assessment Technique (NHRSAT) to evaluate eight reaches on 3 streams with the result being categorized as good.

DES:

- * 18 Windham Road – letter received from DES indicating the site has been inspected and is in compliance.
- * 35 Pond Road – letter received from DES indicating the owner is to refrain from further work until the site is inspected.
- * 109 Rockingham Road – letter received from DES that site is out of compliance with instructions to bring into compliance included.

Site Reviews:

Bartlett Road (tax map/lot 4/84)– James Lavelle of James Lavelle Engineering presented on the Bartlett Road development which is an eleven lot development. The road crosses a poorly drained area (not

wetland). There will be a small dredge and fill near the road entrance. A culvert on Bartlett Road will also be replaced. The wetlands present in the development area will not be affected. Margie Ives noted the DES approval letter was received. Motion by Ric Buzzanga, second by Beverly Ferrante, to allow chair to sign the plan, motion carried.

Conservation Activity:

Summer Intern Report – Ian Gaudreau reported on the conservation activities undertaken by him this summer. A powerpoint presentation was made of areas which had been procured with the help of using LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) grants. Ian prepared the reports on Cole Marsh, Weber, Arnold George, Corneliusen and Doolittle properties. Ian accompanied Craig Durette from the town and Neil Bilodeau NH Forest Ranger on separate days to learn and assist. Ian returns to UNH this semester as a junior in Environmental Studies. The DCC thanked Ian for his assistance this summer.

Weber Town Forest – Ric Buzzanga reported that a mailing was sent out to ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) permit holders in the local area (Derry, Auburn, Chester, etc) concerning the rules to be followed when operating their vehicles in the forest. It was noted that the abuse has taken a downturn since the letter was sent out.

Nature Walks – poor showing at Weber last Saturday, need to re-schedule. Low Conservation walk scheduled for September 10th cancelled. Quail Hill Conservation Area scheduled for October 8th at the Tiger Tail Circle entrance. Quail Hill area residents will receive a letter informing them of the conservation area location and uses.

Broadview Farm – Craig Fowler placed large stones where the picket fence used to be to restrict vehicular access.

Corneliusen – Jim Lindsey, from Candia, will be doing easement monitoring for SELT on August 27. SELT and members of DCC reported there is erosion on the trail entrance from Holiday Avenue.

Conservation Commission Secretary/Clerk – chair led discussion as to feasibility of hiring secretary/clerk to record and produce meeting minutes. Funding would be from administrative services account in the amount of up to \$1500.00 per year at a salary per hour of \$12.00 plus Social Security and Workers Comp.. The chair reported that Larry Budreau prepared the job description and the want ad which Margie reviewed. Motion by Dennis Wiley, second by Beverly Ferrante, to hire secretary/clerk for up to five hours per meeting to attend meeting, record minutes and perform other related duties. All vote aye except Ric Buzzanga voting nay, motion carried. Job notice will be placed in Nutfield News.

Derryfest – Conservation Commission will be sharing 10 x 20 foot tent with Go Green. We will be next to GG and BLIA. Margie will put together volunteer schedule.

Non-Public Meeting:

Motion by Ric Buzzanga, second by Beverly Ferrante, to go into non-public meeting pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 (d). Members voting aye: Ric Buzzanga, Jim Degnan, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Richard Tripp, and Dennis Wiley. Members voting nay: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion by Ric Buzzanga, second by Jim Degnan, to adjourn. None abstained, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.