



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting January 23, 2012

On January 23, 2012 at 7:30 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan, Paul Doolittle, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marianne Page, Richard Tripp, Dennis Wiley and Council Liaison Neil Wetherbee. Paul Dionne, Beverly Ferrante and Peg Kinsella were absent. James Degnan sat for Beverly Ferrante and Richard Tripp sat for Paul Dionne.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to accept the minutes of January 9, 2012 with corrections. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. Marianne Page abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Report and Bills:

A motion was made by Richard Tripp to pay \$865.00 from the Administrative Account for the NHACC annual dues. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Paula Frank's observation report on Broadview which included a few pictures was passed around.

A Mountain Passages News letter from AMC containing an interview with Marianne Page on hiking with AMC was passed around.

DCC received a letter from Alan Cote pertaining to upgrades on Jackman Rd. The Town is granting permission for the work to be done with certain stipulations stated in the letter. (Conceptual drawing, abutters' notification etc.) The letter was passed around.

Westview Dr. - (John & Edward Cooper property) logging road with culverts. A letter was sent to the Coopers from the Dept. of the Army. They are questioning the width of the road, will it be used for a subdivision, vernal pools, flood plains etc. The Coopers need to attach more plans. The Coopers response to that letter was that the road is wide enough for forestry vehicles. They attached documentation pertaining to the departments questions on vernal pools, slopes etc. The DCC Chair followed up with documentation that she had received from the NH Natural Heritage Bureau. The archeological site on the Cooper property has historical value and the logging road will have to be built away from that site.

DES is requesting documentation from Chase's Grove Tenant Association on a multi-fingered docking facility. The facility must be removed until proper permits have been obtained. This letter was passed around.

Maxwell Dr. - John Saliba is requesting permission to build a 24 foot bridge to access the rail trail from his home. The Division of Forest and Lands denied request. Mr. Saliba appealed. He was advised to contact Derry Pathfinders. One bridge for all the neighbors is now under review by the state.

Dredge & Fill - Jean Gagnon 103 Old Chester Rd. Tax Map/Lot 12C/119-1 Eric C. Mitchell Assoc. Jason Lopez presented.

The Slope in the southerly boundary area by the road is high and they are requesting a waiver from the Planning Board to bring the pitch down to a 2 to 1 pitch. This would minimize the wetland impact. The Street name is being currently worked on with the fire department. Septic systems depend on the style of the house. The systems will all be outside the 250 ft. setback from the pond. Lot # 3, 5 and 6 will be behind the house. Lot 7, 8 and 4 will be in the front between the road and the house. Lot # 10 is a ¾ acre lot at the dam which is under negotiation with the town. This land may be given to the town depending on what happens with the restoration or the destruction of the dam. Lot #9 would be a parking lot for those who want to access the pond. This parking lot also depends on what happens with the dam. The wetland impact on the site is 4650 sq. ft.

A motion was made to approve the plan as it now stands by Ric Buzzanga and seconded by Richard Tripp. 5 were in favor. Paul Doolittle and Jim Degnan abstain. Motion carried.

Dredge & Fill – PSNH, TF Moran Inc. Scobie Pond Substation to Rte. 28 Bypass. Jeff Kevan presented.

PSNH - to install an additional line. Twenty poles will be added to the 1 mile corridor. A 16 foot wide access path is needed for pole installation. Plans are to hopefully do this during frozen conditions to minimize disturbance or to use matting if not frozen. The area will be restored back to the present conditions upon completion of the project.

There are 3 wetland crossing locations that will have temporary impact.

1. 3572 sq. ft.
2. 5297 sq. ft.
3. 4183 sq. ft.

One pole will be in the wetland because it is at an angle point where the pole ahead of it is at a bend. The span would be too long between the two poles to avoid the wetland, so this area will have a permanent wetland impact of 80 sq. ft. as indicated on the plan. In actuality the permanent impact will only be 3 to 4 sq. ft. (the area around the pole).

Total wetland impact: 13,132 sq. ft. **minus the 80 sq. ft. of permanent impact = 13,052 of temporary impact.**

The area does contain an intermittent stream. Chair suggested viewing the site. DCC will do a site review January 28, 2012 at 9:00 am. Meet at the end of Ashleigh Dr.

Conservation Activities update:

Neighbors have complained about a lot of shooting at Weber. Hunting is allowed there. Members are asked for ideas on what to do about the shooting and the vandalism in the area. Eileen Chabot, a former DCC member has signed up to be a land steward. She will be working on Weber.

Members are asked to go view the tent platforms at Broadview for future decisions on what to do there this spring. There was discussion on the boy scouts bringing a truck or trailer into the area to get wood in there for platform repairs.

Cole Marsh - A report from Tom Cardon. He walked the area. Two bridges need repair.

Zoning Ordinance Update:

James Degnan has been compiling info from other towns on vernal Pools and parking lot setbacks. Richard Tripp is also contacting other towns on this.

Other Business:

The use of snowmobiles on the bike path was questioned and how they are supposed to access the trail. Snowmobilers are crossing business properties to access the trail in the Quail Hill area. The Town Council has not changed the permitted uses of the trail at all since the paving has been done. The Pathfinders and Mark L'Heureux will be contacted by Jim Degnan.

An engine was spotted during a walk in the Quail hill area. It should be dragged out during the winter. Pathfinders will be contacted. This will be added to the Conservation Activities Worksheet.

There was a suggestion from Neil Wetherbee that DCC follow up on Jackman Rd. In reference to Alan Cote's letter pertaining to upgrades being done to the road, this is something that needs to be looked into more before any work, cutting trees, etc. is done.

DCC will request a site review and a presentation on the project.

Neil also is questioning the use of granite curbing and closed drainage systems for example as the ones to be used in the Jean Gagnon 103 Old Chester Rd. property for an example. As far as wetland health and from an ecological stand point, where does Conservation stand on this?

DCC did look into granite curbing requirements in rural areas once before with no outcome. This should be brought up by DCC again and sent to the Planning Board. Right now the DCC is currently working on the zoning ordinance which will be presented to the Planning Board in February. Chair suggested that the zoning ordinance be finished first.

DCC will revisit the open space proposal. Going forward, any plans that come to DCC for approval and DCC feels granite curbing should not be allowed in that particular plan, the DCC will recommend to the Planning Board that the curbs not be allowed.

Neil informed the DCC of a tentative joint workshop between the Town Council and the Planning Board and the Zoning Board sometime in March.

Non Public: RSA 91-A:3(d) "Consideration of the acquisition of property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community."

A motion was made by Ric Buzzanga to go into non-public. The motion was seconded by Richard Tripp the board members Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, Paul Doolittle, Margie Ives, Chair, Richard tripp, Dennis Wiley and Jim Degnan were polled. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Richard Tripp to invite Council liaison Neil Wetherbee to the non- public hearing. The motion was seconded by Ric Buzzanga. All members in favor.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made to adjourn by Ric Buzzanga and seconded by Richard Tripp. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Ruth Robinson/Clerk