



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting February 13, 2012

On February 13, 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, Paul Dionne, Paul Doolittle, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marianne Page, and Dennis Wiley. Beverly Ferrante, James Degnan, Peg Kinsella and Richard Tripp were absent. Marianne Page sat for Beverly Ferrante.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Paul Dionne to approve the DCC meeting minutes of January 23, 2012. The motion was seconded by Ric Buzzanga. Paul Dionne abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Report, Correspondence, Bills:

DES:

5 Westview Dr. - The Cooper Property project (long logging road crossing the stream) has been approved by DES.

Maxwell Dr. - Mr. Saliba's request to erect a 24 foot long bridge to go from his yard up through state property abutting the trail. Mr. Saliba discussed his plans with the Derry Pathfinders, as the state suggested he do. The Pathfinders suggested two smaller bridges instead of one long bridge. After walking the area, Margie Ives and Bob Mackey feel that it is up to Mr. Saliba as to what he decides to do since the state has no objections.

A letter received from South East Land Trust is asking for membership dues. Last year DCC paid around \$250.00. SELT is extremely active in this part of Rockingham County. After discussion, Paul Dionne made a motion to pay SELT \$300.00 for annual dues to be paid from the Administrative Account. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Bulletin from the Audubon News Program: There will be workshops coming up as follows:

- May 12th from 10 am to 12 noon on Maps and Compasses at the Massabesic Audubon Center
- May 16th from 9 am – 2:30 on Coastal Birding, meet at Hampton Beach State Park
- There will also be an Earth Day Festival on April 14th

Members of the commission are asked contact the Massabesic Center if interested.

7 Ashleigh Dr. - Commercial development site, a road to be cut into the property to provide more visibility and marketability for the future development of 4 retail buildings up at the top of the area. The property is 21.4 acres. DCC already approved a previous plan for the first cutting in the lower section (8 acres) and sent it to the Planning Board. Now the developer would like to clear the trees at the top part of the site, an additional 4 acres at the same time as the lower portion. Chair read a letter from forester Charlie Moreno pertaining to this site regarding the tree cutting. Charlie believes that a one-time cutting would avoid future disruptions for a second logging operation. Streams would be impacted only once. Skidding would only have to be done once. The Planning Board is waiting for DCC reaction to this proposal.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to accept the terms of Charlie Moreno's letter for a one time tree cutting of both areas in one phase. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Budget: last year's budget amount was \$5,000.00. The commission decided to keep the budget level funded in the amount of \$5,000.00. This would be used for mailings, membership dues, paper supplies, secretary expense and a stipend for a possible intern. Dennis Wiley recommended giving an allotment from the DCC budget to the subcommittee "Go Green" to use for brochures etc. Paul Dionne made a motion of \$5,000.00 for this year's budget. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

PSNH Scobie Pond Rd. Dredge & Fill – DCC already walked the site, observing that the permanent wetland impact will be less than 80 sq. ft. Dennis Wiley made a motion to approve the PSNH Dredge & Fill Plan as was presented. Jim Arruda seconded the motion. Paul Dionne abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

Hillside Ave. - Tax Map/lots 26077, 26078 & 26079, James O'Neill LLC, a land surveyor from Bedford, NH presented the plan. The area is three separate properties at the corner of Hillside Ave. and Holmes

Street. Mr. O'Neil's client, Stage Crossing, owns lot 26079. This lot will be sub divided. The proposal is to clear up the boundary lines for all 3 lots. There are no wetlands or aquifers on the properties.

Paul Dionne made a motion to authorize the chair to sign the plan as presented. Dennis Wiley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation Activities:

Tent platforms – Each of the platforms is made up of 17 planks. One of the platforms needs two planks to repair it. Two of the four platforms are no good. Dennis Wiley will be meeting with the scout troops. He suggested getting opinions from the scouts on their use and whether or not to take out the platforms. The fence at Broadview is also in need of repair. There was discussion on taking the fence down and putting large rocks or repairing the fence. DCC members will go look at the fence. This will be discussed at the next meeting and a decision will be made on what to do with the fence

Go Green:

A snowshoe event is planned for Feb. 18th from 9am to 12 noon. Due to the fact that there is no snow, a nature walk and scavenger hunt will take its place. There will also be refreshments served.

It was mentioned that Go Green has made a good recycling display that is in the Derry Library.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn. Ric Buzzanga Seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Clerk/ Ruth Robinson