



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 12, 2012

On March 12, 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:, Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan, Vice Chair Paul Dionne, acted as chair in the absence of Margie Ives, Paul Doolittle, Beverly Ferrante, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley. Jim Arruda and Margie Ives were absent. Marianne Page sat for Jim Arruda and James Degnan sat for Margie Ives.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dennis Wiley to accept the minutes of February 27, 2012. The motion was seconded by Beverly Ferrante. Ric Buzzanga abstained. All others were in favor. The motion passed.

Chair's Report:

Applications for Special Places Annual Meeting are due tonight. The meeting is April 14, 2012 from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm in Weare, NH. The cost is \$60.00 per member. Dennis Wiley made a motion to pay \$60.00, from the Administrative Account for each member who would like to attend. The motion was seconded by Ric Buzzanga. All were in favor. Motion carried.

May 2, 2012 is the Annual DES Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop in Concord. The info was passed around.

DES Correspondence:

DCC has received from DES, a land resources complaint dated Feb. 28, 2012 on the beaver dam situation on Cross Rd. A portion of a stream has been filled in at Broadview Farm without a permit or proper authorization from DES. Margie has had a conversation with Jen Drociak, a compliance specialist from DES. Margie and Jen and another DCC member will walk and view the area at Broadview. Margie alerted Jen to the DCC beaver dam repair breach caused by an adjoining neighbor 2 years ago. Margie was informed by Jen that we cannot repair dams even if on our own property.

Sheppard Property – The Invasive Control Project is May 19th at 9:00 am. A grant has been received for the Shepard property in the amount of \$12,200.00 which needs the approval of the Town Council.

Follow-up on the South East Land Trust contract for services - Phil Auger gave an outline on some of the services that could be provided:

- Monitoring existing easements
- Writing grants
- Assistance in moving along some of the projects already started and help in bringing them to completion

After discussion, a motion was made by Paul Doolittle to authorize the expenditure in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Conservation Land Fund to hire South East Land Trust for monitoring easements and related services. The motion was seconded by Ric Buzzanga. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation updates:

Broadview Farm fence - Paul Doolittle has gone out to test the quality of the fence posts but the ground was still frozen at that time making the posts hold firmly in the ground.

Garden plots at Broadview – Peg Kinsella has been contacted by 6 new gardeners since last growing season. She is making a blog for the gardeners to be able to contact each other for advice on pests, fences etc. Expansion of the number of plots is not needed at this time. A cleanup needs to be done around the compost bins and a dead tree needs to be removed.

Other Business:

Go Green summer activities. The number of guided nature walks has been reduced down to 4 walks. They are planned as follows:

1. Broadview Farm – May 26th
2. Cole Marsh – June 16th
3. Doolittle Property – July 17th
4. Low Property- August 18th

All walks start at 8:00 am.

The Go Green town wide cleanup is April 14th thru the 21st. Go Green is also participating in The Shepard Invasive Control Project on May 19th.

Farmers- Market- the last winter market is March 17th from 11am to 3 pm. Beverly Ferrante has been working with some of the nonprofit groups, sharing ideas etc. through Facebook and websites. The summer market begins June 20, 2012.

A motion was made by Ric Buzzanga to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Doolittle. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Clerk/ Ruth Robinson