



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St.  
Derry NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting April 9, 2012**

On April 9, 2012 at 7:30 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

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

Jim Arruda, Peg Kinsella and Marianne Page will be sworn in by the next meeting.

**Election of Officers:**

- **Chair:** Beverly Ferrante made a motion to nominate Margaret Ives as Chair. The motion was seconded by Richard Tripp. The vote was 6-0-0. Motion carried.
- **Vice Chair:** Margie Ives made a motion to nominate Paul Dionne to be Vice Chair. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. 6-0-0. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer:** Paul Dionne made motion to nominate Beverly Ferrante to be Treasurer. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. 6-0-0. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report:**

**Acceptance of Minutes: Acceptance of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Paul Dionne to accept the minutes of March 26, 2012. The motion was seconded Richard Tripp. The vote was 6-ayes, 0-nays and 1-abstention By Beverly Ferrante. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

*33 Old Chester Rd.* - Chair has received a notice of acceptance for a permit application from DES for 33 Old Chester Rd. It was for a minimum impact agricultural project expedited application.

*7 Karen Ave.* – Chair has received correspondence of a shore land impact permit for 7 Karen Ave. The work was done. DES approved it after the fact.

A publication from SELT on “*Why do I need a Forest Management Program*” was passed around. The last time that Charlie Moreno did a forest management plan was 1988.

Correspondence from the South East Land Trust – SELT is applying for accreditation by the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission. The public comment period is now open. Brian Hart, the Executive Director would appreciate feedback from DCC on the work that SELT has done in this region.

**Acceptance of Grant Money:** Chair has met with the Derry Finance Dept. and according to RSA 36-A:4, the acceptance of grant has to be approved by the Town Council. Grant money that has been received from the Dept. of Agriculture for the Shepard Park Invasive Species Control Project has been placed on the consent agenda of the Town Council and a public hearing and a vote is scheduled for April 24, 2012. The amount of funds that was received for phase #1 of the project was for \$9,300. The amount for phase #2 is for \$12,200. There was discussion among DCC members and Council Liaison Neil Wetherbee as to whether or not the process of accepting and expending grant money has to go through the governing body. Margie will contact Mark Fleischer in the Derry Finance Dept. to see if together they could contact NHMA (New Hampshire Municipal Association) for clarification on this.

***Motion:*** *Whereas: the Derry Conservation Commission has applied for grant funding for the Shepard Park Invasive Species Control Project and whereas: the State of New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture has awarded \$9,300.00 for phase #1 and \$12,200.00 for phase #2 and whereas RSA 36-A:4 states that grants awarded to the conservation Commissions be approved by the local governing body, I move to support the staff report prepared by the Finance Department that requests ratification and approval by the Town Council for said project and move that the Derry Conservation Commission accept the grant funds available for this project and authorize the expenditure of said funds. The motion was made by Paul Dionne and second by Beverly Ferrante. The vote was 6-0-0. Motion carried.*

Chair has received notice from DES of grant funds available. A copy has been given to John Anderson.

1. Applications for the spring 2012 protection of drinking water supply of the Massabesic Watershed- this is a 25% matching grant critical to the quality of public drinking water supplies. Applications are due June 1<sup>st</sup>, final applications due Sept. 27, 2012.

2. The Aquatic Mitigation Resource Fund- this is a 75% match. The deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Contract* – The contract for services between South East Land Trust and DCC has come back from John Anderson and is being sent to Attorney Ed Boutin.

**Conservation Activities:**

Dennis Wiley will be attending the Special Places Conference.

A motion was made by Paul Dionne and seconded by Paul Doolittle to pay \$12.49 from the Administrative Account to the Town of Derry for 250 copies of colored maps. The vote was 6-0-0. Motion carried.

***Go Green:***

The annual spring cleanup weekends are April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The public is asked to please call Public Works at 432-6144 for pickup of the blue trash bags when full.

***BF gardens:***

The gardens are all tilled and there are 10 new gardeners this year.

***Weber:*** Cleanup needs to be done in the area of the George Lewis Property. There is an eroded ATV trail out there and there are car seats placed around a campfire pit. The car seats need to be removed.

***Land steward day:*** The Stewards will meet April 21<sup>st</sup> meet at Broadview Farm at 9:00 am. They will be helping with the fence at Broadview. They will also be helping with signage in other areas as needed.

***Zoning setbacks and buffers regarding wetlands-*** Some of the DCC members have collected information on this from other towns. Chair would like to go back and meet with the Planning Board possibly in June. Paul Dionne recommended having a workshop before meeting with the Planning Board.

Paul Dionne made motion to adjourn. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. 6-0-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson

Approved 5-9-2012