



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St.  
Derry NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting September 24, 2012**

On September 24, 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: James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Paul Doolittle, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Chair, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley. Jim Arruda and Ric Buzzanga were absent. James Degnan sat for Jim Arruda and Peg Kinsella sat for Ric Buzzanga.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Paul Dionne made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. Peg Kinsella abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report:**

A motion was made by Paul Dionne to pay Phil Auger of South East Land Trust, \$2358.81, from the Land Conservation Fund for 57 hours plus mileage for his services on various projects, 3 separate sight visits, etc. The motion was seconded by Richard Tripp. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Some citizens who visited the DCC booth at Derryfest were inquiring about what is used to kill Japanese Knotweed. "Milestone" is the product that was recommended by Lenny Lord of the Rockingham Conservation District. This product is used for its low toxicity and the fact that it can be spread to the water's edge. It can be purchased on-line under Dow-Agro Services. Chair will place this info in the kiosk at the Town Library and at Derry Municipal Center.

South East Land Trust will hold its 10th Annual Fall Fundraiser, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 pm, at the Discover Portsmouth Center, Portsmouth, NH. Tickets are \$50.00 before Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

The new issue of Town & City magazine is available.

**Amendment:** Ian Gaudreau stipend – A motion was made at the previous DCC Meeting of Sept. 11, 2012 to pay summer intern Ian Gaudreau \$1000.00. Richard Tripp made the motion to reconsider, to amend the stipend for the intern's pay from \$1000.00 to \$500.00 to be paid from the Administrative Account. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ian obtains a separate \$500.00 from Beaver Lake Improvement Association for projects he has done for them. This is separate from the DCC stipend.

The Craft appraisal for the Colette's Mountain property is being worked on.

***Old Chester Rd.*** - (former Dearth property) - Lamontagne Builders is the developer there. Several trees have been cut to make the improvements to the shoulder of the road. When plans were presented to DCC the plan was incomplete. After chair's discussion with the Planning Dept., a decision was made, going forward, when reviewing future plans, to discuss clear cutting.

Chair will be setting up a date with Doug Dixon to make plans for a walk at Collette's Mountain property.

The gift of the Collette Property is from the estate of Joseph C. Collette. According to deed restrictions, there will be no ATV or dirt bike use and no access to Island Pond.

***Weber-*** there is also no ATV use and access to the recreation trail is by Warner Hill Rd. or Rte. 121.

Doug Rathburn is making maps of Weber, the Arnold George Lewis Property and the Collette Property.

The annual report is due September 28, 2012.

#### **Conservation Activities:**

***Shepard-*** Several of the land stewards, 6 DCC members, Judy Follo of Go Green and her children were there to help pull invasives out and plant native plants. Thanks to all were given.

***Derryfest*** – DCC gave maps. Go Green and Beaver Lake improvement Association had booths. It went well.

**Go Green:** The fall clean-up is from October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup>. Bags can be picked up at the transfer station.

***BF gardens-*** All fences, stakes, etc. need to be cleared out by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Peg Kinsella gave thanks to Eric Bodenrader, Mike Fowler and the crews for mowing etc. Chair thanked Dennis Wiley and Peg Kinsella for their work at the gardens. One of the tables there is gone and the other one has been moved and is broken.

***Doolittle Property-*** the nature walk is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Meet at Faith Rd.

Mike Cuomo- who is responsible for carrying out the mitigation grant at Lowe, would like DCC feedback on the trail, how best to cross the trail where the ATV's are.

**Other Business:**

October 8th (Columbus Day celebrated) DCC will have their scheduled meeting.

November 12<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day) there will be no DCC meeting.

Paul Dionne made the motion to adjourn. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson.