

Derry Conservation Commission 14 Manning St. Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting October 8, 2012

On October 8, 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: James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley.

Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, Paul Doolittle, Beverly Ferrante, Peg Kinsella, and Marianne Page were absent. James Degnan sat for Jim Arruda and Richard Tripp sat for Paul Doolittle.

<u>Acceptance of Minutes:</u> Paul Dionne made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2012. The motion was seconded by James Degnan. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report:

A letter that Mike Fowler has written to Frank Richardson at DES was referenced on the removal of the dam at Beaver Lake. The removal of the dam was postponed last year due to the high water. Mike Fowler from the Dept. of Public Works, would like to schedule the work to begin around October 15, 2012.

DES-81 Damren Rd. - letter of complaint has been received from Joan Drociak of DES.—The property owner there has drained a pond on the property without a permit or proper authorization from DES. DCC with follow up with this complaint.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Conference will be on November 3, 2012 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH. There will be 30 workshops along with fieldtrips. The cost is \$45.00 by October 25th. Margie Ives and Paul Dionne will attend at no charge since they are on the board.

Paul Dionne made a motion to pay \$135.00 (3 x \$45.00) from the Administrative Account to pay for James Degnan, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley to attend the New Hampshire Association Conservation

Commission Annual Conference to be held November 3, 2012. Richard Tripp seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A reminder was given of the South East Land Trust Annual Meeting on October 27, 2012 at the Discover Portsmouth Center in Portsmouth, NH. The public is also welcome.

DES is requesting proposals for DES Watershed Assistance Grants. Chair will inform Beaver lake Improvement Association and Island Pond Association of the grants. Deadline is November 21, 2012.

Moose Plate Grant – DCC has applied for the Moose Plate Grant of up to \$5000.00 for the continuance of the Invasives Control Project at Shepard.

Beaver Lake Improvement Association is holding a meeting at the Derry Public Library on October 17th at 6:30 pm. David Neils, from NH DES will be giving a report on Manter Brook as a result of working with a bio-monitoring team.

Site Review:

Pete's Scoop- 187 Rockingham Rd. tax map/lot 03087- Pete Kershaw is the property owner. Plans are to expand the property and add a driving range. Keith Coviello from Long Beach Development gave the presentation. A previous plan was brought before DCC back in February 2012. Changes have been made to the plan to solve the issue that DPW (slope being too steep). Re-grading of the slope needs to be done to correct this issue. They are seeking an Alteration of Terrain permit. The slope is 2 to 1. A horseshoe shaped area at the back of the slope was previously filled with heavy organic material, stumps, etc. Some of this fill had washed into the wetland area which has now been cleaned up. DES has been to the site recently to inspect and close the file. A drainage treatment swale will treat the storm water, which discharges into a pond. An existing catch basin will be removed. A lot line adjustment needs to be done between the property and the Robert Frost Motel, where the putting greens will be located. There will be a buffer fence with shrubs. The landscaping in the front of Pete's Scoop will have three indigenous shade trees inside a planting bed. The lighting for the driving range will be tipped down toward the ground. The parking lot will not be crushed stone or gravel. It will have 49 parking spaces.

Dennis Wiley made a motion for the Chair to sign the plan with a note of record that DCC would like to review the grading after it is completed. Paul Dionne seconded to motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation Activities:

BF Gardens - A reminder was given to gardeners to remove fences etc. by October 22, 2012.

Doolittle Walk – This is the last nature walk of the season. The walks have been well attended this year. Meet at Faith Dr. at 8:00 am October 13, to attend the Doolittle walk.

<u>Go Green</u>: The town wide clean-up is scheduled for the week of October 13th thru October 20th. Go Green is tracking the groups and the roads for clean-up to avoid duplication. Visit the Go green website to sign up. Blue bags can be picked up at the transfer station.

Paul Dionne made a motion to expend up to \$150.00 to be taken from the Administrative Account to replenish the supply of brochures for Go Green. Dennis Wiley seconded the motion. All were in favor motion carried.

Go Green is creating a read list of books on recycling and ecological topics. They are trying to get these books established at the Derry Library.

Land Stewards – Chair has received emails. It was noted that the Land Stewards have been checking on Broadview, Cole Marsh and Quail Hill. Thanks were given to the land Stewards.

Other Business:

DCC will meet on October 22, 2012

There will be NO DCC meetings on November 12, 2012 and December 24, 2012.

Non-Public:

Paul Dionne made a motion per RSA 91-A3(d) to go into non-public. The motion was seconded by Dennis Wiley. All were in favor. Motion carried. All members were polled. Chair voted yes. Public meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm and non-public began.

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

Ruth Robinson/ Clerk