



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting September 14, 2015

On September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the Cable studio at the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marius Zainea, Alternates Neil Wetherbee and Marianne Page were present. Alternates, Peg Kinsella and Alan Camuso were absent.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of August 3, 2015. James Degnan seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of August 24, 2015. James Degnan seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence:

Chair, Margaret Ives presented the Conservation Commission's Yearly Report. Please see the report included in with the minutes of 9-14-15.

EEAC:

Maureen Reno, Chair of the Energy and Environmental, Advisory Committee gave an update. EEAC is continuing to support the town in its efforts on bringing a solar power project to the Derry landfill. The Town Council approved the project back in June. EEAC plans to testify to the Planning Board on this project in October. The town has RFP's to replace 930 street lights with LED fixtures. There will be a four year payback on the project. DPW Director has asked EEAC to testify to the Town Council in October in support of this project

The recent "Solar Up" project that EEAC held at DMC was very well attended, consisting of residents from Derry and Chester. So far 200 people have signed up with the installer to receive estimates. The end of November will be the last time to sign up.

There is still an opening on the EEAC Committee. Volunteer help is also needed. Those interested can apply on the Derry Website or by contacting Maureen Reno at maureenreno@comcast.net.

Go Green:

Chair Liz Carver gave an update. The committee will be passing out fliers at Derryfest on the Town Wide Cleanup Week. More fliers are needed for the event. After discussion, the fliers will be printed at DMC to save costs. There will be a kick-off event for the clean-up at the Coffee Factory on October 3, 2015 at 9:00 am. The blue bags for trash pick-up and maps will be handed out. EEAC is looking for community leaders and local businesses and some DCC members to be present to show support at the kick-off. James Degnan & Margie Ives will attend. Chair Liz Carver will give a brief presentation at the Rotary Club meeting on the 29th to promote the Town wide Cleanup.

Anyone interested in participating in the clean-up, can also sign up at Derryfest, booths #74 & #75. There was some discussion on low attendance on the Go Green walks and what to do to help increase attendance.

Site Review:

38 Kilrea Rd – Tax Map/Lot 38147-2 –Sterling Ventures – Neil McCarthy of Promised Land Survey presented. The plan was shown at a previous DCC meeting. DCC did a site walk. There were no conflicts. Paul Dionne made a motion for Chair to sign the plan, Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

246 Island Pond Rd. – Tax Map/ Lot 7-12 – Tim Winings presented. There were not enough plans presented to the commission for proper viewing tonight. This is a seven acre parcel adjacent to Ballard Pond. Access to the site already exists. The lot line is 50 feet from the pond. The house to be constructed will be about 125-150 feet or so from the pond. There is an existing driveway. There is a wetland on site. A shoreland permit will be required for the project. The lot abuts land owned by the state. The DCC Invasives Species Note was given to Tim Winings to be added to the plan. There is Japanese Knotweed in the area. DCC will do a site walk September 17th at 6:00 pm.

Site Review:

82 Rockingham Rd. – Tax map/ Lot 05-037 – Promised Land Survey, Neil McCarthy presented. The proposal is to construct a four bay service garage. The property is less than 1 acre. The lot now has pine trees and does not have any structures. It is located next to a self-storage facility and is across the street from an auto salvage yard. Town water and sewer is in place. There are no wetlands or poorly drained soil on the site. There is a historic monument on the site. TRC recommended protection of the monument during construction and possibly putting an easement around it. DCC's concerns are; where the snow storage would be and water and oil separators on catch basins. The DCC Invasive Species Plan Note was given to Neil. DCC will do a site walk September 21st @ 6:00 pm.

Derryfest setup plans were discussed. The DCC and Go Green booths are # 74 & #75. Chair will be giving out some seed packets she obtained from the Department of Agriculture. Maps and Invasive literature will be on display.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Weber – The monitoring report of Weber has been received. There is ATV abuse again. Previously damaged area has now been made bigger. Target practice shooting is going on again. Chair will contact Police Chief Garone. Neighbors are also asked to call Police if any target shooting is noticed.

Quail Hill – The monitoring report has been received. Debris in the area has not been picked up. Chair will check with public works for assistance with this. Most of the signage has been taken down.

BF Gardens- The gardens are still going. There are still tomatoes at this time of the season. The gardens are a great success this year.

Grinnell Gate update – James Degnan is checking with owner on the use of double 8 footers instead of a 16 foot board. The 16 footers need to be ordered and shipped and could come damaged.

Info received from the South East Land Trust on a new invasive Species called Pesky Parsnip was passed around.

Info from the Timberland Owner's Association on Hardwoods Management was passed around.

Other Business:

There is a sign near the trail at Collette's Mountain about accessing the Conservation Land, by permission of owner, via this trail only. Trespassing elsewhere and littering prohibited. Chair will follow up with attorney on this. Chief Garone will be informed of the presence of this sign, in case there happens to be any disputes with any of the trail users.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson

