



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Mike Byerly, member;
2 Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Noone, member; and Julie Christenson-Collins, alternate member

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4 **Absent:** Roger Fillio, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member; Margaret Harrington, alternate member;
5 and Ted Combes, Town Council Member

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7 **Also present:** Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary; Heidi Holman and Melissa Doperalski from NH Fish
8 and Game, Sandra Lagueux, Bob Rimol and David Ellis

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10 Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. M. Badois appointed J Christenson-Collins to vote
11 for R Fillio.

12 **NH Fish and Game - Rabbit Habitat** - Heidi Holman and Melissa Doperalski from NH Fish and Game
13 introduced themselves to the Commission. H Holman stated they were here to update the Commission
14 on the Cooper parcel and Musquash. H Holman gave the Commission an update on the rabbit
15 population currently in Londonderry. H Holman informed the Commission that they have been working
16 with NHDOT properties, that were originally thought to be the Town's properties, and they are hoping
17 to have them transferred to NH Fish and Game soon. H Holman introduced the Commission to Melissa
18 Doperalski stating that she will be with NH Fish and Game for the next three years through a grant from
19 the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. H Holman stated that M Doperalski will be taking over
20 communication with the towns and foresters to facilitate projects. M Doperalski informed the
21 Commission that she had done a quick walk through of the sites to get herself familiar with them. She
22 stated that she is working with Charlie to come up with a schedule for the Cooper parcel. She stated for
23 this parcel they are looking at two separate treatment areas divided by the power lines and passed out a
24 map for the Commission to look at. H Holman presented the Commission with a document of an
25 assessment of all the properties that were presented to the Town Council for the records. D Lievens
26 asked if any profit was to come from the projects, would it come back to the Commission. H Holman said
27 it would depend on the project itself. She suggested that Charlie is expecting a cost. D Lievens stated
28 that the Commission had promised no cost to the Town. H Holman stated the money would come out of
29 the grant money with no cost to the Town. M Doperalski commented that she observed people going
30 around the gate at the Cooper site with multiple trails and thought a vegetative buffer, like the one the
31 Commission has at Musquash, would be beneficial to help keep recreational traffic out. She stated that
32 she thought maybe Charlie could lay logs along the area to make it more difficult to access it. She also
33 noted that she thought there might be feeding stations in this parcel and asked if the Commission knew
34 about this. M Badois stated that the Commission has not given permission for deer baiting in this area.

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36 **Rail Trail** - Sandra Lagueux and Bob Rimol introduced themselves to the Commission. S Lagueux gave the
37 Commission an overview of what has happened with the Rail Trail since they were last before the
38 Commission in December of 2015. She stated that phases 1, 2 and 3 are completed and phase 4 was
39 recently passed in 2017. Bob Rimol stated that they are awaiting final approval from NHDOT to be able
40 to break ground and start phase 4, which they have been working on for two years because it crosses a
41 state road. M Noone asked if Londonderry is the only place where the trail crosses a state road. B Rimol
42 stated there are other towns, such as Epping and Goffstown that cross state roads as well. S Lagueux
43 went over Phase 5 with the Commission stating that B Rimol's goal is to complete it by next year. B
44 Rimol stated in his opinion this was the most interesting section of the Rail Trail because five years ago,
45 you could not walk through this corridor due to overgrown brush and trash. D Lievens asked what the
46 bridging situation was. B Rimol stated that the bridge for the Rail Trail is intact and heavy equipment has
47 driven over it. S Lagueux and B Rimol stated that they are here to see if the Commission is willing to
48 make a donation of \$200,000 to help with phase 5. D Lievens asked what the total budget was and if any
49 other investors are helping. B Rimol stated the total budget is \$400,000 and they have a donation from
50 another company that does not wish to release their name. S Lagueux stated they will go back to the
51 HUNT Foundation as well. M Noone asked when they would need the money. B Rimol stated they would
52 need to know if they were getting the money by December.

53 **Old Business**

54 **Email:** M Badois asked who had not accessed their email yet. D Lievens and J Christenson-Collins stated
55 they had not. M Byerly stated that he would be willing to help people who are having problems after the
56 meeting.

57 **Trail signage:** M Badois stated that they have gotten some more signs up and they have started to put
58 up arrows when it is not clear what direction to go. She reiterated that they are still missing the "you are
59 here" signs. M Byerly stated that Bob Saur has not answered him yet. M Noone stated that there is a
60 discrepancy between the maps and the trails. He stated that Amy Kizak, the new GIS Manager, is going
61 to update the maps. M Badois asked how many brochure boxes she should order. M Noone thought 3 or
62 4 to start. D Lievens made a motion for the Chair to order and pay from the line item budget for 4
63 outdoor ledger holders for no more than seventy five dollars. G Harrington seconded the motion. The
64 motion passed, 7-0-0.

65 **Procedures:** M Byerly informed the Commission that he has based the procedures off the Windham
66 procedures and had some questions. He asked the Commission if a member has three unexcused
67 absences in a year the Chair may ask the council to remove them. M Badois stated that was in the
68 municipal code. M Byerly asked if the Commission wanted to have a 5 year maximum on the Chair
69 position, to which the Commissioners' stated they did not. M Byerly asked if the Commission wanted to



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70 have a different quorum for public hearings and disbursement of funds as Windham does. M Byerly
71 thought it might be a good thing to do when spending money. M Badois stated she thought it should be
72 for a certain dollar amount and not for simple line item budget requests. G Harrington voiced his
73 concern of this because of a past time when the Commission only had 3 members sworn in, and if that
74 were to happen again, the Commission could not vote to spend money with this new policy. M Byerly
75 stated the Commission can change the policies at any time. B Maxwell suggested using a percentage of
76 members for voting. The Commissioners' agreed to stick with their original quorum. M Byerly stated he
77 would revise the procedures and have them to review at the next meeting.

78 **Articles:** D Lievens informed the Commission that Paul Margolin from the Solid Waste Committee, who
79 is coordinating a column with the Solid Waste Committee and the Conservation Commission for the
80 Times, is anxious to get these articles going. She stated the articles would be between 300 and 500
81 words. She stated that M Speltz has volunteered to write about ecological services. She would like to
82 have other volunteers commit to writing an article.

83 **New Business:**

84 **Monitoring:** M Badois stated that the Commission had authorized and voted on August 22, 2017 for
85 \$650.00, but it has not come out of the account yet. D Lievens stated she would call them tomorrow and
86 find out. D Lievens asked about Mack's monitoring. M Noone stated that last year they broke it up
87 between 5 people and it was done relatively quickly. M Noone suggested that he would tell Mack's the
88 Commission will do monitoring in the next couple of weeks and he could make maps for each section for
89 people to fill out. M Noone stated the Plummer property will be done in November.

90 **Walk:** M Badois stated that David Ellis had suggested teaching about cellar holes in the Musquash. G
91 Harrington asked if something was going to be done with the Mathes dedication. M Byerly stated that M
92 Speltz was communicating with the appropriate parties to try and coordinate something. M Badois
93 stated that the ribbon cutting for Mathes was not going to be a full walk and during the week. M Byerly
94 suggested that the fall foliage might be at its peak on October 28, 2017, and would be a good walk.

95 **Eversource:** M Badois informed the Commission that Eversource is in the Musquash and tried to avoid
96 going on wetland area and will put down mats and remove them when they are finished. She stated it
97 was a short project for this week.

98 **Budget:** M Badois stated that she was going to do a repeat budget of last year. M Noone asked if the
99 signs and maps should be included. M Byerly stated that the last time the maps were paid for by a grant.
100 M Badois asked what budget printing maps would come out of. D Lievens stated in her opinion it would
101 be the conservation fund. M Byerly suggested finding out what the cost of the maps would be before
102 deciding. M Noone asked how many maps to print. M Badois stated she thought it would be 1000.



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103 **Members:** M Badois stated that Meg handed in her resignation and her position will be posted next
104 month along with the others that are expiring.

105 **Expense:** B Maxwell made a motion for the Chair to use the line item budget to pay dues for NHACC in
106 the amount of \$1059.00. J Christenson-Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

107 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes from September 26, 2017. B Maxwell made
108 a motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-2,
109 with G Harrington and D Lievens abstaining.

110 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. M Noone seconded the
111 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

112 Respectfully Submitted,
113 Beth Morrison
114 Recording Secretary