



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Mike Byerly, member;
2 Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Noone, member; Roger Fillio, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member;
3 Julie Christenson-Collins, alternate member and Ted Combes, Town Council Member
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5 **Also present:** Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary; Kurt Nelson, Sherry Jeffrey and Elizabeth LaRocca
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7 Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

8 **Eversource ROW Project Discussion-** Kurt Nelson, Sherry Jeffrey and Elizabeth LaRocca introduced
9 themselves to the Commission. K Nelson explained that Eversource is recommending a project to try
10 and clear out excess vegetation that can be the cause of black outs that are preventable. He described a
11 clearing to the Commission, noting they want to clear 100 feet out from the conductor. He stated that
12 this corridor is where they have a substantial amount of uncleared easement. He stated that with this
13 project there will be associated mitigation funds and wanted the Commission to be aware of the funds
14 for any projects the Commission is aware of that might qualify. M Speltz asked if the project would have
15 to be agreed upon by the EPA and engineers. K Nelson stated that was correct, but if the town does not
16 have any projects that will qualify the money would go into an ARM fund and the municipality can
17 submit grants. S Jeffrey spoke to the Commission referencing the sheets that were passed out showing
18 the clearing and the scope of the project. She went over how they came up with the mitigation
19 numbers from the sheets the Commission had. She explained they are calculating impacts to wetlands
20 that are going to be permanently converted from forested wetland areas to scrub shrub or virgin
21 wetland areas. She pointed out that the temporary wetland impact areas are permitted under the
22 NHDES wetland permit application and the secondary clearing impacts fall under the jurisdiction of the
23 ARMY Corp. She stated that the ARMY Corp and EPA came up with a guidance on how they calculate the
24 impacts and went over some examples. She stated that the total impact for Londonderry is 4.75 acres
25 and based on the percentages that the ARMY Corp and EPA assigned to the impacts, .68 acres will be
26 mitigated. She went over the rules of the project, stating that a restoration and creation project would
27 be 1.36 acres, an enhancement project is 2 acres and preservation would be 10 acres. M Speltz asked
28 what the total number of acres is to be cleared. S Jeffrey stated it was 3.5 acres. K Nelson stated that he
29 did not think that number included upland and he would get that figure M Speltz later. D Lievens asked
30 if it could be larger than 10 acres. S Jeffrey stated it could. D Lievens asked if there would be another line
31 added in the future. K Nelson stated that he does not know of any plans for a future line. D Lievens
32 asked if there was a more creative way to manage around a vernal pool. K Nelson stated that he thought
33 D Lievens was right and there was room for improvement in managing around vernal pools, and he
34 would take that request from the Commission back to the project team. M Speltz asked where the
35 number of 100 feet originated. K Nelson answered that number was created by the vegetative
36 maintenance group and is not a state or federal requirement. M Speltz asked if the Commission would
37 work with Sherry again for an ARM project. S Jeffrey stated that they have not submitted a permit



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38 application to DES and are not under any review time period right now. K Nelson explained that ideally
39 this type of project would be best in the winter and given the permit schedule he is thinking
40 November/December of 2018. M Badois asked if there would be coordination with Fish and Game
41 regarding the rabbit habitats, as there is a colony just getting started. K Nelson stated that they would
42 be in touch with Fish and Game. M Speltz asked when they would like the Commission to be shovel
43 ready. S Jeffrey stated that the project cannot be started until there is an agreement for the mitigation,
44 noting that if the schedule was next fall for a clearing, then probably over the summer. K Nelson noted
45 that if the Commission did not have a project or the timing did not work out, then Eversource can assist
46 the Commission with an ARM grant. S Jeffrey concluded the presentation stating she would be back in a
47 month to check in.

48 **Old Business**

49 **Email:** M Byerly suggested that at the end of the meeting he would help the people who were still
50 having trouble on their laptops.

51 **Procedures:** M Byerly informed the Commission that he had emailed a draft of the procedures to them.
52 He asked the members to email him with any feedback.

53 **Monitoring:** D Lievens stated that she was not sure monitoring of Ingersoll was going to happen with
54 the rain. M Noone informed the Commission that he had been in touch with the management at Mack's
55 and they were aware the monitoring would be going on. He explained that he broke up the property
56 into sections and handed out the sections for the Commissioners to complete and get back to him.

57 **Articles:** D Lievens informed the Commission that they need a name for the column. M Byerly
58 suggested "Conservation Matters". M Speltz stated that name was being used by another group and
59 might be a problem, but he would email them to find out. D Lievens told M Speltz to have an article
60 ready in December. M Speltz asked D Lievens to email the format to him.

61 **Dedication:** M Speltz stated that the Mathes and Doyle properties dedication would be Tuesday
62 November 7, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the end of Preserve Drive. He noted that a hike will be offered for
63 anyone that stays after the dedication.

64 **New Business:**

65 **Trail Walk - David Ellis:** M Byerly stated that thought it was scheduled for Saturday October 28, 2017,
66 but had no confirmation that David Ellis was going. M Badois suggested the walk could be on November
67 11, 2017 to allow more time to spread the word to the public. M Byerly stated he would put it in the
68 newsletter.



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69 **Expense Trail Sign:** M Badois asked the Commission if they wanted to keep the trail sign holders that
70 she received. M Badois stated that she had bought 4 of them. The Commissioners stated that she should
71 return them.

72 **Kendall Pond update:** M Noone gave some background information for any members that have been
73 absent at meetings when it has been discussed. He explained how the police have been doing
74 details/surveillance in Kendall Pond for the last month 3-4 times a day along with having deer cams in
75 there as well. G Harrington asked if the deer cams tracked the number of people coming in and out. M
76 Noone stated that he has the police reports but not numbers of people coming in and out. M Speltz
77 commented that he felt the Commission should present the police reports to the neighbors from the
78 previous meeting. M Noone stated that is exactly why he brought this up, because he would like to
79 know what the next step for the Commission should be in this matter. He stated that he thought the
80 Commission should present this information to the Town Council and see what they have to say. R Fillio
81 suggested writing a letter with the results to the neighbors to notify them. M Badois wondered if the
82 possible ranger position could be used to survey the area. T Combes asked about the ranger position as
83 he had never heard about it. M Noone stated that he could not guarantee that the police would
84 continue to survey the area. M Speltz noted that at the last meeting with the neighbors, the Commission
85 told them they would have a chance to talk to the Town Council about it. D Lievens asked T Combes if
86 the Council has informal meetings with residents of the town. T Combes stated that he did not know of
87 any informal meetings. T Combes asked if the Commission had talked to the Council about this issue
88 before. M Speltz stated that the Commission had. T Combes suggested that the Commission update the
89 Council and letters should be sent to the abutters to come to the meeting as well. M Speltz described
90 the dilemma that he felt the Commission had between what the Council wants to the Commission to do
91 with open spaces and the abutters concerns regarding the open spaces. T Combes reiterated that he
92 felt the Commission should request a meeting with the Council for an update. M Speltz stated that he
93 thought the Commission had a couple of tasks, which would be to get letters to abutters and a
94 presentation for the Town Council. T Combes asked the Commission if they had a date in mind for the
95 Town Council meeting. M Speltz suggested the Commission try and get on the November 20, 2017
96 agenda.

97 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes from October 10, 2017. G Harrington made a
98 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0-1,
99 with R Fillio abstaining.

100 **Adjournment:** M Byerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. G Harrington seconded the
101 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

102 Respectfully Submitted,



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- 103 Beth Morrison
- 104 Recording Secretary