



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Roger Phillip, Member; Mike Noone, Member; Jamie
2 Mantini, Member; Mike Byerly, Member; Deb Lievens, Member; Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate Member;
3 Mike Speltz, Alternate Member

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5 **Absent:** Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member

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7 M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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9 M Badois introduced Colleen Mailloux, the new Town Planner. C Mailloux offered to help establish a closer
10 working relationship between the planning department and the commission.

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12 C Mailloux began a discussion on the dredge and fill permit submitted for Webb Drive (South Loop Road). It was
13 mentioned that the deadline for comment had officially passed, but the CC's comments were still being
14 requested. A presentation was made by Chris Rice and Chris Danforth of TF Moran regarding the wetland
15 impact. Impacts to the wetland have been minimized as much as possible. M Speltz asked about an assessment
16 that was done by Fish and Game for the area that is something that the CC did not know existed. C Mailloux
17 explained that all mitigation funds have already been paid, and the impacts have been signed off by Fish and
18 Game and the state. M Speltz requested a copy of the assessment. C Danforth explained that this is an ongoing
19 study and no report has been generated. John O'Neil representing the property owner said that the funds were
20 paid in approximately 2009 or 2010. D Lievens mentioned that the CC has not been receiving appropriate
21 documentation on a regular basis. C Mailloux offered to look into the issue. M Speltz confirmed that Webb
22 Drive will become a public road.

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24 D Lievens made a motion that the CC recommend approval of the dredge and fill permit. G Harrington
25 seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0

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27 Garrett Gelineau provided permits for the construction and previous clean out of the pond in 1993 on the
28 Peterson property on Peabody Row. G Harrington made a motion to allow the pond to be excavated without
29 requiring a permit by notification. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

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31 Mike Simpson of Londonderry delivered a presentation proposing a disc golf course in Londonderry. A property
32 of about 30 acres would be ideal. There are disc golf courses throughout the state; Pelham and Manchester for
33 example. It costs about \$25,000 to create an 18-hole course. A course can be created on an underutilized
34 property. 90 people can play at one time. It can be played year round.

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36 D Lievens suggested they contact the Recreation Department for their suggestions. M Speltz commented
37 that the idea of getting people out into the woods is a good idea. It would just be a matter of selecting an
38 appropriate property. Most of the properties under the CC's responsibility are not suitable. M Speltz suggested
39 the Auburn Road brownfield site.

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41 George Fredette representing Green Mountain Messenger for a conditional use permit on their property at 57
42 Harvey Road. In order to accommodate truck access to the back of the building, additional paving is planned.
43 The current paving impacts the overlay buffer, and the additional paving and drainage detention area will



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44 increase the impact. D Lievens and G Harrington explained that the new paving would not be allowable under
45 conditional use, and suggested that a variance would be needed. G Fredette presented a letter from the fire
46 department stating that the additional paving would provide access in case of a fire. D Lievens asked if
47 additional plantings would be installed to offset the impact. G Fredette said there were not at this time, and he
48 was looking for CC input. He did mention that there were red maples planned for perimeter plantings. M Speltz
49 brought up that the exemption for the existing paving will cease to exist due to the proposed expansion. He
50 suggested that a variance may be required. G Fredette said that the building inspector told him he did not need
51 a variance, but a conditional use permit. M Speltz suggested an alternative would be to revise the application to
52 add the existing pavement in the overlay district to the conditional use permit. G Harrington mentioned that
53 there should be signs located along the edge of the overlay district. The signs that would go across the
54 pavement can be located at the edge of the pavement. G Harrington asked about a Fish and Game easement
55 that runs along the edge of the property. G Fredette mentioned two other easements but did not show that
56 easement. M Speltz asked if there was a reason for so many parking spaces. G Fredette said it was for future
57 growth. D Lievens pointed out that snow storage should not be within the overlay district. G Harrington
58 suggested contacting Fish and Game to see if they had suggestions for plantings for the New England Cottontail,
59 and requested more information on the requirement for the number of parking spaces. G Fredette will amend
60 the application and it will be reviewed with the DRC at the next meeting.

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62 **Old Business:**

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64 **Monitoring:** The Plummer property and a portion of the Musquash were monitored using ArcGIS. M Badois
65 mentioned that people have responded to the letters that were sent regarding encroachments, as well as
66 questions regarding the Nevins overlay district. M Noone mentioned that two people were draining their
67 swimming pools into a vernal pool on the Plummer property. More monitoring will be scheduled as weather
68 permits. D Lievens mentioned a property on High Range that has a pile of tires that may be in the buffer.
69 Further investigation is needed.

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71 **Public walks:** Mike Byerly suggested we do the Musquash in May, a short walk and a longer walk. A gathering at
72 the landing site is also an option. May 21st was suggested. For June, is there a possibility of doing a canoe or
73 kayak event. Beaver Brook is not navigable in the summer. Little Cohas is an option. M Speltz suggested a
74 lesson on navigating the trails using the signs and maps. Another idea was to have David Ellis give a lesson on
75 the cellar holes in the Musquash.

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77 **Newsletter:** 132 subscribers so far. The next issue will be publicizing our walk, information on Kendall Pond and
78 promoting Beautify Londonderry

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80 Jay Hooley was appointed to the JNC. M Speltz mentioned that Kevin Smith will work on setting up a meeting.

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82 **Beavers:** D Lievens will contact the wetlands bureau to see what would be required in order to use heavy
83 equipment to dismantle the beaver dam at the Faucher Road entrance to the Musquash.

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85 **Hazard Committee:** The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been accepted. D Lievens

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87 D Lievens is involved with rare plant monitoring for New England Wildflower Society. Emily Lord from the
88 Stewardship Network would like to take a walk to get information for an article. It's the 10th anniversary for
89 aquatic resource mitigation. Swamp Inc. will be doing the last of the Phragmites spraying this year.

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91 New Business:

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93 Beautify Londonderry: M Byerly suggested a cleanup of the trail heads and repair of signs. It starts April 23 and
94 goes through May 22nd. M Byerly will be repainting the sign for the Kendall Pond area prior to our walk on the
95 23rd.

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97 M Speltz suggested a research project to collect and inventory roadside trash and create a report to present to
98 DPW and the Town Council to see if the problem could be addressed.

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100 M Badois passed around information on upcoming education opportunities.

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102 G Harrington made a motion to adjourn. R Fillio seconded Motion passed 7-0-0

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110 Marge Badois
111 Chairman