



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice-Chair; Deb Lievens, Member; Mike Byerly, Member; Mike
2 Noone, Member; Jamie Mantini, Member;

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4 **Absent:** Roger Fillio, Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member; Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate
5 Member; Mike Speltz, Alternate Member

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7 Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

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9 **Cellar Holes in the Musquash:** David Ellis presented the commission with a summary of the work he has done
10 researching the cellar holes in the Musquash. He has listed the past owners of the properties where the cellar
11 holes were built. He said that this was a gift to the CC along with all rights to it. M Badois expressed the
12 commission's gratitude for all the work that Mr Ellis put in to this project

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14 **Stantec:** Mike Leach reviewed the progress so far on his proposal for improving the four conservation
15 properties he was tasked with planning. 5 parking areas within the Musquash were presented, expanding trails
16 in the Kendall Pond area, trails and possible canoe/kayak launch area at Little Cohas, and an overlook/picnic
17 area and fishing pier at Scobie Pond; all with parking were also discussed. M Leach anticipated having the
18 completed plan to the CC shortly. M Leach suggested that the CC contact DOT regarding permission to put trails
19 and/or parking on mitigation land currently owned by the state.

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21 **Sale of Tax Deeded Property on Hall Road:** Town resident, Jim Taylor presented his plan to purchase the
22 property at 68 Hall Road and was looking for any comments the CC might have. Members agreed that a site visit
23 would be appropriate before making any comments. Site visit planned for 8/28.

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25 **Lordon Commons Wetland Dredge and Fill Permit:** Steven Keach & Brent Cole of Keach-Nordstrom Associates,
26 and Mark West of West Environmental presented the plans for phases 2,3 &4. Construction on the road would
27 require crossing a small wetland (less than ½ acre) thus requiring a dredge and fill application. G Harrington
28 made a motion to send a memo to DES stating the CC had no concerns with the request. D Lievens seconded.
29 The motion passed 6-0-0. Also discussed was the need to place the embankment for a detention pond within
30 the COD. No Conditional use permit has been submitted yet. There was a discussion regarding how the "open
31 space" on the plan will be established, and who will be responsible for enforcing it. Further investigation is
32 needed.

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34 A discussion arose regarding the scheduling of guest speakers for the meetings. Reviewing the 2 week notice
35 was mentioned, along with having the DRCs at the second meeting of the month.

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37 **Old Business:**

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39 **Logo** – M Noone has someone working on developing the logo.

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41 **Monitoring** – The violator on the Cooper parcel has made no effort to remove the encroaching items after 2
42 notices. R Canuel will issue a notice of violation.



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44 **Budget** - M Noone calculated that there is approximately \$240 million worth of land in conservation. A budget
45 of \$3,000 to effectively monitor and steward that much property is inadequate.

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47 **Old Home Days** – The CC had a booth at Old Home Days. It would certainly be considered a success. Many
48 people stopped to view the map of the conservation/recreation areas and trails. 20 people signed up for the
49 monthly e-newsletter. M Badois spoke with Bob Rimol of Londonderry Trailways about how to address trees
50 that are down across trails. B Rimol suggested that a joint committee of CC and LT members be formed to come
51 up with a plan. It may not be prudent to continue with the current practice of using volunteers due to the
52 potential liability should an injury occur. LT will clear the current downed trees from the trails.

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54 **Colonial Drive** – Did not get a new hearing with ZBA

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56 **New Business:**

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58 The new secretary in the planning department is Casey Wolfe. A recording secretary has not yet been hired.

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60 **Educational opportunities** - Various upcoming training was mentioned.

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62 **Expenses** – M Badois presented an invoice for purchasing a banner for Old Home Days. D Lievens made a
63 motion to authorize reimbursement of \$68.55 from the general fund. J Mantini seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0

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65 **Timber Cut** – Contract for the cut for the rabbit habitat will be sent to Kevin Smith for signature.

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67 **Minutes** – Minutes for August 8, 2016. D Lievens made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. G
68 Harrington seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0

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70 **DRCs** -

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72 **Bradley Tree Service:** No comments

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74 **Lordon Commons:** The wetland scientists found both a Blandings and a spotted turtle on the property. We
75 need to know where those sightings took place and we need to ensure that there is sufficient habitat around
76 those locations to allow the turtles to persist.

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78 The notes say that the overlay District will be marked as shown on the plan, but it was not indicated where the
79 markers would be located. We should ensure that they are shown at a sufficient interval and at the edge of the
80 buffer.

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82 It is very important that we understand who will be the owner of the proposed open space. It should not be an
83 undivided fractional interest among all the land owners. It should be owned by a single entity that we can deal
84 with. We also need to establish what the instrument will be that conveys the easement and to whom it will be
85 conveyed. The commission should discuss whether it wants to accept an easement with so many abutters. If the
86 owner proposes to place a simple restriction in the deeds that prohibits cutting, then we should also ensure that



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87 the town gets permission to enter the properties to confirm the restriction is being honored.
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89 M Byerly made a motion to adjourn. M Noone seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0
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91 Meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm
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93 Respectfully submitted
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95 Marge Badois
96 Chairman