



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Jamie Mantini, Member; Roger Fillio, Member; Mike Byerly, Member; Mike
2 Speltz, Alternate Member ; Mike Noone, Member; Deb Lievens, Member;

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4 **Absent:** Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Julie Christenson-Collins,
5 Alternate Member

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

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9 M Badois appointed Mike Speltz to vote for Gene Harrington.

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11 **Dredge & Fill (Town of Derry):** Thomas Carrier, Deputy Director of Public Works for Derry and Ransom Horner-
12 Richardson from Underwood Engineering appeared to discuss a Dredge & Fill application. The project involves
13 increasing the size of their wastewater treatment drainage pipe that flows from Derry through Londonderry and
14 other towns to the Merrimack River. The increased is from 14" to 20." The need to relocate the pipe is part of
15 the I-93 widening project. The impact will be temporary during construction and the area will be returned to its
16 previous state. Total impact is 1,700 sq. ft. and involves diverting a brook. They expect the project will start in
17 the summer or fall of 2017. NH DOT has already reviewed the plan. M. Speltz asked whether a 20" pipe can
18 handle the maximum flow from the pumping station. Thomas Carrier replied that yes it would. D. Lievens
19 suggested that commissioners go out for a site visit. This is planned for July 15 at 8AM with R. Fillio and M.
20 Badois going to the site.

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22 **Dredge & Fill (Manchester Boston Regional Airport):** The airport is looking to take down trees in wetland to
23 provide additional clearance for arriving and departing planes. The net effect will be converting parts of the
24 property from a forested wetland to a shrub wetland. The Commission will express their disappointment that
25 the airport is mitigating by paying money to the ARM Fund rather than purchasing conservation property in
26 Londonderry as the Commission had requested.

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28 **Old Business:**

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30 A recording secretary (Loren Thompson) has been hired by the town to take minutes for one of the
31 Commission's two monthly meetings. Some members of the Commission expressed disappointment that the
32 recording secretary would not be available for the other meeting as well. The Commission plans to request
33 funding for the additional coverage in next year's budget.

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35 **Public Walk:** There will be no walk in July. The next event with will be a canoe/kayak event on August 13 on
36 Scobie Pond.

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38 **Newsletter:** Up to 152 subscribers. July newsletter will be sent July 13.

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40 **Property Monitoring:** M. Byerly gave an update on monitoring of boundary between the Musquash and
41 Eversource right of ways. The goal of the monitoring is to look for places where ATVs could be illegally entering
42 the Musquash and then work with Eversource to install gates in those locations. M. Noone and M. Byerly have
43 monitored about 50% of the boundary so far. No issues were found on the section from Wiley Hill Rd to just



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44 past the corner at Hickory Hill. However, many issues were found in the section from Londonderry Fish and
45 Game north to the northern most point of the Musquash.

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47 M. Noone gave an update on other monitoring activities. During 2015 and 2016, 68% of properties with
48 conservation easements have been monitored. Twenty-four properties have been monitored overall and five of
49 those properties had one or more encroachments from neighbors. Per our standard policy, all encroachers were
50 notified by the commission and those that did not comply are referred to the town code enforcement officer.
51 Monitoring will continue this summer. M. Noone will send out a list of some properties that need monitoring
52 and Commission members can tackle them as their schedule allows. There was discussion that we really need
53 GPS coordinates for property corners to most efficiently and completely monitor properties. M. Speltz will
54 check with John Vogl to see if that data can be exposed via MapGeo.
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56 A discussing on how to educate residents that they abut conservation land and what they can and cannot do on
57 the land ensued. One idea was to include this information as part of the real estate closing package. Another
58 was to send an educational letter to all property owners who abut conservation land. The Commission is taking
59 action on the latter idea. D. Lievens is going to look for a template that we can use. Preliminary discussion with
60 the town planning office indicate that we can probably get a list of abutters.
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62 Colonial Drive subdivision: M. Badois shared that neighbors of the planned subdivision are planning to appeal
63 the approval with the ZBA and then potentially the Planning Board. At their request, she shared the opinion
64 letter that the Commission drafted for the Town Manager with the person who is purchasing the property.
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66 Town forest invasives: M. Badois attended the last Town Council meeting to clarify the situation related to past
67 spraying of bittersweet in the town forest.
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69 CIP: Reviewed CIP project submission drafted by M. Speltz for enhancements to conservation properties for
70 outdoor recreation. D. Lievens made a motion to approve the proposal as drafted. M Speltz seconded the
71 motion. Motion passed 7-0. August 5 is the CIP deliberative meeting. M. Speltz will check with Stantec to see if
72 progress has been made on the property enhancement cost estimation work.
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74 **New Business:**
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76 Budget: M Badois will email out last year's budget so that Commission members can provide her input. In
77 addition, if the budgeting timeline allows for it, the Commission will review and discuss the budget in their next
78 meeting. Several additional budget items were suggested in the meeting including money for community
79 outreach, conservation signs in the Musquash, a ranger shared with other town departments.
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81 LCC logo: M. Badois shared that she knows of way to get a logo designed for the Commission for \$5. D. Lievens
82 motioned that spending the \$5 for this be approved. R. Fillio seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
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84 Water extraction from Kendall Pond - A resident who abuts the boat launch at Kendall Pond reported to M.
85 Badois that commercial vehicles have been pumping water out of Kendall Pond perhaps for filling pools or hydro
86 seeding. This is allowed if a permit is granted by the town. M. Badois to check with resident to get the names of



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87 the companies she observed pumping water.

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89 Ingersoll Property monitoring – Historically the Commission has hired the Rockingham County Conservation
90 organization to monitor the Ingersoll property. D. Lievens made a motion that the Commission approve
91 spending up to \$750 for the Rockingham County Conservation to complete their annual monitoring. M. Speltz
92 seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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94 Old Home Days – M. Byerly suggested that as part of their outreach efforts, the Commission get a booth at Old
95 Home Days. There was discussion of what materials we would want to have at the booth including a large map
96 of the town showing the conservation areas, handouts summarizing the various properties, Musquash trail
97 maps, an overview of the role of the Commission and general signage. M. Byerly made a motion that the
98 commission spend the \$40 booth fee. After discussion, M. Speltz made a motion to amend the original motion
99 for increase the authorization to spend up to \$200 on the booth fee and materials. R. Fillio seconded. Motion
100 passed 7-0.

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102 Educational grant – M. Speltz was contacted by the Executive Director of New Hampshire Association of
103 Conservation Commissions to see if we would be interested in using some grant money for K-12 programs. The
104 Commission agreed to pursue this to the next step which is learning more about the potential grant and
105 exploring the idea with the school district.

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107 Facebook – the Commission now has a Facebook page created by M. Byerly

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109 DOT 93 project eminent domain – Kevin Smith passed the Commission a letter from NH DOT declaring their
110 intent to take some town-owned property by eminent domain for the I-93 widening project. The property is at
111 51 REAR TROLLEY CAR LN, property ID 013 004 0. M. Speltz will research the property history and ownership
112 and pass that information to Kevin Smith. The Commission will request to be involved in the price negotiation
113 with NH DOT either directly or through the JNC.

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115 **DRCs** - Varsity Wireless: Wiley Hill Road - CC comments were to request that access road go through adjacent
116 power line right of way rather than through a wetland.

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118 **Minutes** – R Fillio made a motion to accept minutes as read. J Mantini seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 M
119 Noone abstained.

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121 M Byerly made a motion to adjourn. R Fillio seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

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123 Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm

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126 Respectfully submitted

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128 Marge Badois

129 Chairman