



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, July 26, 2016  
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Deb Lievens, Member; Roger Fillio, Member; Mike Byerly, Member; Mike Noone,  
2 Member; Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate Member; Mike Speltz, Alternate Member

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4 **Absent:** Gene Harrington, Vice- Chairman; Jamie Mantini, Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member

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

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8 J Christenson-Collins was appointed by M Badois to vote for G Harrington, M Speltz was appointed to vote for J  
9 Mantini.

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11 **Old Business:**

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13 The town is still working on getting us a recording secretary. One was hired, but quit after one day. The hope is  
14 to have someone on board soon who will be able to take notes at both meetings each month.

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16 **Logo** - Review of the logo design. Concensus was that we would like a few more designs to choose from. Until  
17 we have something else, we will use the town seal with Conservation Commission around it. M Speltz made a  
18 motion to authorize spending up to \$30 to obtain more designs. D Lievens seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

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20 **Monitoring** – The encroachment offender on the Cooper property did not respond to our letter. R Canuel will  
21 be following up with another letter from the town.

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23 **Newsletter**- Any ideas for the upcoming newsletter would be appreciated. Please send to M Byerly.

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25 **Gates in the Musquash** – Monitoring needs to be completed in order to come up with recommended locations.

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27 **Turtle Signs** – M Badois will follow up on placing the turtle crossing signs on South Road.

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29 **Paddle Event** – August 13<sup>th</sup> at Scobie Pond. We will be asking for pre-registration in order to estimate how many  
30 kayaks / canoes we will need. We should also have life jackets available.

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32 **New Business:**

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34 **Budget** – The goal is to keep the budget the same. We have been doing more monitoring which is resulting in  
35 more notification of violators. We've had 18 encroachments so far this year. We would like to revisit the land  
36 steward position. Purchasing a GPS and software would also assist in monitoring. We are currently using  
37 members' personal equipment for monitoring.

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39 **Trailways Ribbon Cutting** - August 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

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41 **Old Home Days** – We have reserved a booth to have maps and information on the various recreation and trail  
42 properties available to residents. Our hope is also to educate conservation abutters to the restrictions on those  
43 conservation properties, as well as alert residents to the areas that are preserved in an effort to protect our



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44 watershed. A study done by The Forest Society lists the Merrimack Valley Watershed as the number one  
45 watershed most threatened by development.

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47 The Nevins looking definition of "hazard tree" - US Forest Service says "Tree hazards include dead or dying  
48 trees, dead parts of live trees, or unstable live trees (due to structural defects or other factors) that are within  
49 striking distance of people or property (a target). Hazard trees have the potential to cause property damage,  
50 personal injury or fatality in the event of a failure."

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52 M Badois brought up the lack of communication between the Conservation Commission and the Town Council.  
53 There is disparity between the TC's view on conservation lands, and the information contained in the Master  
54 Plan and the Open Space Task Force. How can we get to a point where we are all using the same data in the  
55 same way, and not ignoring the issue of quality when evaluating land acquisition. M Badois will speak with K  
56 Smith for suggestions for solutions.

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58 **Minutes** – Minutes for July 12, 2016 D Leivens made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Speltz  
59 seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. J Christenson-Collins abstained.

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61 D Lievens left the meeting prior to discussion of the DRC.

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63 **DRCs** - Woodmont Commons Phase 1 – It was not clear what we were to be commenting on. We would like to  
64 have a representative come to speak with us. There appear to be no bike lanes or bike racks indicated on the  
65 plan. Should pond "a" appear on the existing conditions map? We would like to make additional comments  
66 after meeting with applicant.

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68 M Speltz made a motion to adjourn. M Byerly seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0

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70 Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

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73 Respectfully submitted

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75 Marge Badois  
76 Chairman