



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice-Chair; Deb Lievens, Member; Mike Byerly, Member; Mike Noone, Member; Roger Fillio, Member; Mike Speltz, Alternate Member; Casey Wolfe, Recording Secretary

Absent: Jamie Mantini, Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member; Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate Member

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Woodmont Commons: Ari Pollack and Jeff Keven presented to the commission a conceptual plan of the project. J Keven explained that the application currently under consideration is for the downtown – the “heart of the project.” The idea is for this area to be pedestrian friendly with walkable street mediums and parking for bicycles. J Keven summarized impacts that will be around the existing duck pond and around the proposed retention ponds. There were questions about what kind of impacts will occur within the setback. Most of the impact will be grading for gravel trails and also for drainage structures. Pillsbury Realty will be responsible for managing the pond. Snow will be removed by a private snow removal company and brought off site. There were also concerns about purple loosestrife, an invasive species that has been seen growing on the property. G Harrington suggested that those plants get dug out before the species spreads. A Pollack and J Keven will be back at the next meeting to discuss a conditional use permit. The commission decided that they will complete the department comment sheet at the next meeting. A Pollack and J Keven left at 8:27 pm.

Lorden Commons: Jason Lopez presented to the commission some modifications he had made to the plans for a retention pond on site. Before the changes, there would have been 18,080 square feet of impact. After the modifications, there will be 11,620 square feet of impact – a 35% decrease. To accomplish this, there will need to be more blasting done to construct the pond. There was also discussion about the Blanding’s and Spotted turtles that were found on the property. Fish and Game asked Mark West to give a detailed report on the turtles on the property. There was discussion about a culvert that could be used as a critter path. J Lopez told the commission that EPA wanted speed bumps to slow down traffic and protect turtles trying to cross the road. According to J Lopez, J Trottier (public works) did not like that idea. There will be road signs warning drivers about turtles crossing in the area. G Harrington suggested creating a handout for the residents so that they are aware of the rare turtles living in the area. A discussion arose regarding ownership of the property. “Open Space A” is intended to be for conservation purposes owned by the Town. D Lievens made a motion to recommend acceptance of the Conditional Use Permit provided that the project will not have a significant impact to the turtles and that there will be an open-bottomed box culvert to be used as a critter path. Dimensions of the box culvert should be decided by an EPA/DES official. G Harrington seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. J Lopez left at 9:15 pm.

Old Business:

Logo: M Noone passed around the latest draft of the logo to the commission. Everyone liked the new



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logo. There were questions about the shape of the sun. The logo was tabled to the next meeting.

Monitoring: M Speltz made a motion to refer the matter of continuing violations and prohibited activities on Town owned conservation land by Thomas Clark and Suzanne Dumais – Cooper Parcel Tax Map 11 Lot 11 to the Londonderry Police Department for further enforcement action under the Londonderry Municipal Code Title III – Land Use Codes – Chapter IV – Conservation Areas, Section IV Enforcement. G Harrington seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Timber Cut: The timber cut for the rabbit habitat is currently in a stalled place as we try to sort out whether the timber tax can be waived on town owned property or not.

CIP: M Badois announced that the CIP meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

RCCD Bill: D Lievens made a motion authorize Chair to pay bill from the general fund. G Harrington seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Stantec Bill: M Speltz made a motion to pay bill out of open space protection fund. R Fillio seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Monitoring Reports: A new monitoring report came in the mail. This report, among a few others, was given to C Wolfe to file.

NH Community Rights: M Badois received correspondence from NH Community Rights asking the CC to consider placing a Resolution supporting the right of local community self-government on the town's 2017 warrant. The CC's consensus was to ignore the request.

Kendall Pond: Residents have reported businesses filling their hydro-seeding trucks with water from Kendall Pond. These trucks are damaging the shoreline as well as spilling fertilizer. There was discussion about Town Council passing an ordinance preventing water-taking. M Speltz suggested finding a model ordinance.

Watts Family: The family is in favor of putting up a sign for the boat launch; however, they would like to see the area named for the Watts family in recognition of their donation of the land.

Insurance: M Badois received an email from J Vogl explaining that commission members, when out in the field, are insured. Anyone else, however, is not.

There was some discussion about the agenda. The Planning Department was hoping to have all DRC reviews done in the second meeting of the month. Currently there is a lot of activity resulting in DRCs, etc. being reviewed at every meeting in order to handle the volume. Concern was expressed that having



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all plans reviewed once a month along with other CC business would result in an extremely lengthy meeting. The agenda issues will be reviewed again at year end.

Loosestrife in Woodmont Commons: M Badois asked J Vogl if planning had any authority to request the removal of the loosestrife spotted on the WC property. J Vogl responded that contaminated soils were out of the planning department's domain.

DRC Plans:

Elwood Farms: The commission went through the plans for Elwood Farms Subdivision. The commission commented that there is no wetland scientist stamp on the plans and that the location of the wetland buffer signs should be on the plan.

Twins Smoke Shop: The commission has no comment.

Fortin Change of Use: The commission has no comment unless change of use invokes conservation overlay.

Sunset Drive: The Commission has no comment.

Minutes: D Lievens made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2016 as corrected. R Fillio seconded. G Harrington abstained. The motion passed 6-0-1.

Site Visit on Hall Road: G Harrington made a motion to recommend Town Manager to sell the tax deed property located at 68 Hall Road, Map 14 Lot 33, to Mr. Jim Taylor. R Fillio seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Underwood Letter: The commission was copied a letter to DES answering questions about a Derry sewer line.

M Speltz made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of discussing a matter related to a proposed property acquisition. Motion was seconded by D Lievens. The motion was passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

G Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-Public and to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely per RSA 91-A:3. M Noone seconded. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

D Lievens made a motion to adjourn. G Harrington seconded. The motion was approved 7-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Wolfe, Recording Secretary