



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, Member; Mike Byerly,
2 Member; Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate Member; Mike Speltz, Alternate Member; Laura Gandia;
3 Associate Planner

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5 **Absent:** Roger Fillio, Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member, Alternate Member; Mike
6 Noone, Member; Jamie Mantini, Member;

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8 Chair Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She appointed Julie Christenson-Collins to vote for
9 Mike Noone.

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11 **New Business**

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13 **Eversource:** M. Badois began the discussion by stating that Eversource wants to cut down trees in the
14 Musquash area that are interfering with the power lines. She asked for comments from the
15 Commission. Members Lievens and Member Harrington stated that they had concerns with the
16 description of the trees (the trees were not correctly identified) and with the use of laying down pads
17 when entering the conservation area. The Commission had two questions to ask Eversource. They were
18 as follows: (1) How will Eversource deal with the trees in the wetlands? Concerns were discussed about
19 the use of equipment and the timing of the cutting (waiting until the land/water was frozen); and (2)
20 What will Eversource do with the trees once they are cut? Concerns were expressed over leaving the
21 trees in Musquash and the possibility of chipping them.

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23 **Expired Terms:** Jamie Mantini and Mike Noone's terms expire at the end of the year. M. Badois noted
24 that the new policy requires them to reapply if they are still interested, and to speak with Kirby Wade
25 for further details. She also noted that the positions will be posted.

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27 **Old Business**

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29 **Logo:** M. Badois stated that M. Noone is monitoring its progress.

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31 **Monitoring:** M. Badois stated that the violations regarding the Cooper parcel are cleaned up and
32 cleared off the property. There is an anticipated monitoring date of November 5, 2016 for the Plummer
33 property. M. Byerly and J. Cook stated that they will assist with the monitoring of West Fields.

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35 **Newsletter:** M. Byerly stated he is taking ideas for the newsletter. The Commission discussed possible
36 ideas in particular a story about turkeys for the November issue.

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38 **Public Walk:** M. Byerly stated that he is considering the Little Cohas property for the November walk.
39 He discussed a site route from Mammoth Road to Harvey with Parking near Wallboard Supplies.
40 Possible dates were discussed – the Commission tossed about November 5th or 19th as options.

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42 He also noted Trailways involvement in cleaning out tires off of Harvey Road near Little Cohas. He noted
43 that there are numerous tires in the water which are more easily removed now due to the low water
44 level. He was hoping to organize a group to remove the tires but is in need of appropriate clothing, a
45 truck, kayak and waders. A possible day for this clean up would be November 5 after the public walk.
46 He suggested reaching out to high school students for assistance, and speaking with the Town about
47 disposal of the tires. He mentioned skipping December's public walk, and discussed winter field day and
48 the possibility of a separate event day for snow shoeing, cross country skiing and/or ice fishing.
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50 **Timber Cut:** M. Badois stated that the logger for Fish and Game began its work about a week ago.
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52 **Budget:** M. Badois presented a general ledger of the Commission's budget from 2007 to the present.
53 She stated that the current layout is confusing. The Commission discussed previous budgets. She stated
54 that the requested budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$3,350 which is \$50 more than last year due to
55 the contractual obligations from Ingersoll. Mike Speltz arrived at 7:53 and was appointed to vote for
56 Jaime Mantini.
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58 **Dues:** D. Lievens made a motion to pay the annual 2017 FY membership dues to the NH Association of
59 Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$1,059.00. G. Harrington seconded the motion. The
60 motion passed, 6-0-0. The Commission discussed attendance at the conference for NHACC and noted
61 that M. Badois was asked to be a member of a forestry panel at the conference.
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63 **Announcements/Other:** M. Badois stated that the land steward position is a work in progress. She also
64 discussed her comments at a previous Town Council's meeting regarding the watering ban and
65 companies taking water from ponds and surface waters. She stated that an article was printed in the
66 Union Leader based on her comments resulting in her receiving a letter from the New Hampshire
67 Department of Environmental Services stating that the conduct is already deemed illegal. She
68 forwarded this information to Kevin Smith for further action (See Exhibit 1). She briefly reviewed a
69 letter regarding the airport tree clearing, and Mike Morrison's permit application.
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72 M. Badois also noted various training opportunities including the Trail finder Workshop. There was a
73 discussion about GIS mapping application and the public use of such applications. The Commission also
74 discussed the availability of maps via the internet and printed copies available at the Town Hall and
75 Library, and ways to make the maps more available to the public. M. Speltz discussed the possibility of
76 having a public walk for the purpose of showing people how to find their way around the trails using
77 their cell phones. He stated he will check with J. Vogl about the availability of certain applications to the
78 public. M. Badois also discussed the Woodmont Commons' application and the possibility of Pillsbury
79 Development adding water to Duck Pond to make it bigger. The Commission discussed Duck Pond and
80 the two to-be-built ponds in the same area. M. Speltz expressed concerns over the Commission's ability
81 to weigh in without having the complete picture. The Commission discussed the DRC comments
82 submitted during the design review process.
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85 **Exit 4A:** M. Speltz gave a summary of the September 27, 2016 meeting in Derry regarding Exit 4A. He
86 discussed various topics addressed at the meeting such as the 2007 comments on the I-93 website, the
87 ability to post comments and concerns to be incorporated into the Environmental Impact Statement,
88 Londonderry's ability to receive adequate mitigation with specific projects, the drought, and the
89 project's effect on the rail trail. D. Lievens mentioned TAP as a possible funding source. M. Speltz also
90 mentioned alternative routes, some of which follow the power lines. He noted that the plan is to reach
91 a final decision at the end of 2017 and construction anticipated for 2018-2020. There was a discussion
92 about Exit 4A exiting east only; There will be no west exit.

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94 The Commission discussed Stantec's recent work and the costs associated with each project as well as
95 the ownership of the Kendall Pond Island – North Loop. M. Speltz stated that this could eventually
96 become a land dispute matter to be handled by the Town. The Commission discussed the CIP presented
97 and anticipated funding of July 2017 FY. D. Lievens suggested obtaining different cost and permitting
98 estimates from other vendors.

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100 **Minutes:** The Board reviewed the October 11, 2016 meeting minutes and made the following changes:
101 (1) line 34: rewrite the last sentence to read as follows: "M. Badois submitted DRC comments which are
102 attached as Exhibit A"; (2) line 68 rewrite the last sentence to read as follows: "D. Lievens felt that the
103 Commission should seek a more descriptive estimate and confirmation on the \$30,000 wetland
104 permitting cost" ; and (3) line 84: add after the first sentence: "The Board stated that it received a copy
105 of the permit."

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107 D. Lievens made a motion to approve the October 11, 2016 as amended.

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109 G. Harrington seconded the motion.

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111 The motion was granted, 4-0-2 with M. Speltz and J. Christenson-Collins abstaining.

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113 **Adjournment:** D. Lievens made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. and G. Harrington seconded the
114 motion. The motion was granted, 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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116 Respectfully Submitted,

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120 Laura Gandia
121 Associate Planner