



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, December 29, 2015
Minutes

1 Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Mike Speltz, Alternate Member;
2 Roger Fillio, Alternate Member; Mike Noone, Member; Mike Considine, Member; Jamie Mantini,
3 Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member.
4 Not Present: Deb Lievens, Member; Paul Nickerson, Member.
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6 M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for P. Nickerson and M
7 Harrington to vote for D Lievens.
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9 Due to illness, no staff was available to take minutes. M. Badois will be taking notes and preparing minutes.
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11 **New Business:** Recommendations for filling open positions on the Conservation Commission.
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13 New applicants Mike Byerly and Julie Christenson-Collins introduced themselves with a brief statement
14 regarding their interest in the Conservation Commission. They both expressed some confusion about the
15 application process and why the Town Council interview was so antagonistic. R Fillio added that he also was
16 confused by the process and was unclear how his application was left out of the ones submitted to the Town
17 Council.
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19 G Harrington asked where they found the information on the available positions and the town's open space. J
20 Christenson-Collins mentioned seeing the information on the town web-site. M Byerly added that he had also
21 seen it in the Londonderry Times. M Speltz asked if either had a chance to review the recreation guide. Neither
22 had seen it. M Speltz mentioned that it used to appear on the front page of the town web-site but is now
23 somewhat buried on the Conservation Commission page. It does not appear on the links page either. He
24 suggest we ask J Vogl why that is the case as it is not really a Conservation document.
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26 R Fillio asked if the purpose of the meeting was to propose a procedure for new members to follow when
27 seeking a position. M Badois stated that the meeting was to make recommendations for filling the open
28 positions and that the process was determined by the Town Council. R Fillio expressed his concern that the
29 procedure was unclear. M Badois explained that the procedure had recently changed.
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31 M Speltz mentioned that we will be losing a member in April, and suggested that the new candidates attend CC
32 meetings and take advantage of any upcoming training opportunities until that time. M Badois mentioned
33 training opportunities available through Cooperative Extension. M Considine stated that he has decided not to
34 seek renewal of his position. He cited frustration with some members of the Town Council as his reason.
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36 R Fillio commented that he felt the CC could use more help and asked if we could have more members. M
37 Badois explained that the town charter states 7 members. G Harrington suggested that sub-committees could
38 be created with volunteers from the community. R Fillio explained that he would like to be considered for a
39 voting member of the commission. He is interested in seeing the town forest utilized more as a park, and to see
40 the Musquash have more parking. He feels it would particularly helpful to the elderly.
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42 M Badois reviewed the positions that are currently open. G Harrington, voting member, M Considine, voting
43 member, Mike Speltz, alternate.



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44 M Badois clarified that the positions are 3 year terms. When someone takes over for someone who resigned
45 before the end of their term, the new person completes the remainder of the term of the resigning member.

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47 A conversation ensued regarding ways to improve the application process. The concensus was that the
48 commission would like to be notified when an application is received, with an opportunity to speak to the
49 individual applying; giving them applicant an opportunity to become familiar with what the commission does.

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51 M Considine made a motion that the commission recommend that Gene Harrington be reappointed as a voting
52 member, Roger Fillio be appointed as a voting member (replacing Mike Considine), Mike Speltz be re-appointed
53 as alternate member, and Julie Christenson-Collins be appointed as alternate member (completing Roger Fillio's
54 term). To further recommend that Mike Byerly be appointed to replace Paul Nickerson upon his resignation.
55 The motion was seconded by M Speltz. The motion passed 7-0-0

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57 G Harrington asked about planning the Musquash Field Day in the absence of M Considine. Consideration will
58 also need to be given regarding Paul Nickerson's position on the JNC. M Badois suggested making a JNC
59 nomination at the January meeting, and that Musquash Field Day be on Sunday, February 14th. After discussion,
60 the February 14th date was agreed on and it was further agreed to form a Field Day committee.

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62 M Speltz shared labels he created to place on the back of photos documenting potential violations on easement
63 properties. These photos will be placed in the permanent files.

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65 M Noone brought up the planned monitoring for tomorrow and asked if anyone would like to change it to
66 Friday. It was agreed to stay with the plans to go Wednesday. The Home Depot, Nevins and Gilcrest Road
67 properties will be monitored.

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69 M Speltz mentioned that he further investigated a possible violation on the Plummer easement, and it appears
70 that there is actually no violation. He also has a couple of close up aerial photos of the swamp off of Wilshire
71 that was monitored earlier this fall. He announced that the mail merge has been completed to the Tyler Estate
72 and Carousel Estates asking that the property owners respect the unrecorded easement area as a voluntary no-
73 cut zone. The commission has no further obligation to monitor those properties.

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75 M Noone passed around a prototype for a CC letterhead. A suggestion was made to use a picture of a local
76 location and the town seal.

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78 G Harrington made a motion to ajourn. M Noone seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

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80 Meeting was ajourned at 8:46 pm

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82 Respectfully submitted by

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84 Marge Badois, Chairman Conservation Commission