



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, July 22, 2014
Minutes

1 Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Considine; Paul Nickerson; Truda Bloom; Ben
2 LaBrecque; Marge Badois; Mike Speltz, alternate; & Kellie Walsh, alternate

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. She appointed K. Walsh to vote for G.
5 Harrington until he arrived. G. Harrington arrived at 7:35.

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7 Outdoor Recreation Guide- Landscape architect Bill Flynn of Saucier and Flynn and the Arnett
8 Development Group was scheduled to present a final update to the Commission on the
9 creation of a Town Outdoor Recreation Guide. A workshop with Commissioners was to have
10 taken place following his last presentation on June 24 meeting. Since this did not occur, it
11 was decided the final presentation would be postponed until after the workshop does take
12 place. A tentative date of July 31 was chosen and since not all Commissioners could attend
13 that date, a second workshop sometime between August 4 and 6 was discussed as well. D.
14 Lievens said she would coordinate a specific date between Commissioners and B. Flynn.
15 While the workshop will be a public meeting and therefore posted for public notice,
16 Commissioners agreed that no voting on the final product would take place at that time. P.
17 Nickerson asked if B. Flynn could supply any questions/main topics prior to the workshop.

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19 Prologis/UPS D+F (14-49)- D. Lievens reported that a special meeting was held on July 10
20 with a quorum of four members to review a Dredge & Fill (D+F) application that was being
21 expedited at the State level and had been overlooked during the applicant's presentation at
22 the June 24 meeting. The Standard D+F application for the offsite improvements associated
23 with the Prologis distribution center on map 14 lot 49 would fill a total of 12,698 square feet
24 of wetlands to construct a portion of Pettengill Road. Commissioners reviewed the D+F and
25 voted 4-0-0 to rescind a letter of intervention submitted to the Wetlands Bureau on June 28
26 and instead send a letter of recommendation to the Bureau to approve the application. (A
27 separate D+F for 30,000 sf of wetland impacts on Lot 49 itself was reviewed on June 24 with
28 no objections raised by Commissioners).

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30 PSNH Line Installation- At the special July 10 meeting (see above), the Commission also
31 reviewed a D+F submitted by Public Service of NH (PSNH) regarding a total of 1,317 sf of
32 impervious surface associated with a new 6.2 mile 115kV transmission line between the
33 Scobie Pond substation in Londonderry and the Huse Road substation in Manchester. D.
34 Lievens reported that the quorum of members voted 4-0-0 to authorize the Chair to write a
35 letter to the Wetlands Bureau recommending approval of the D+F application. PSNH will be
36 applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) as well to address Conservation Overlay District
37 (COD) buffer impacts and will be presented to the Commission at a later date.

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39 Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC)- M. Speltz stated that the MPIC will be taking
40 part in a site walk of the Town Forest (map and lot 6-98) prior to the start of their meeting on
41 July 23. The intent is to make a recommendation about future uses for the forest.



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43 Town Forest- At the special July 10 meeting, D. Lievens provided an update on the ongoing
44 attempt to remove the invasive species Oriental Bittersweet from the Town Forest. Invasives
45 specialist Prescott Towle, whom the Commission has hired in the past, performed a site walk
46 recently to review the anticipated scope of this year's effort. Based on the ample amount of
47 Bittersweet found, P. Towle will also be developing a long range eradication program, which
48 will include another invasive found on the property known as Japanese Barberry. A new and
49 better herbicide will be used and will remove some of the poison ivy in the forest as well.
50 Because of a well head protection area thought to be located on part on the site, the State
51 Department of Agriculture has determined that a Special Watershed Permit may be required.
52 Approval of the application could take up to 120 days to acquire, which could postpone this
53 year's herbicide treatment until 2015. Based on an analysis by the Town's GIS Manager, the
54 well head protection area may not actually infringe on the Town Forest lot, but it remained
55 unclear as of this meeting whether the permit would be necessary.

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57 Monitoring/Stewardship- D. Lievens and M. Speltz attended the July 21 Town Council
58 meeting to solicit input from Councilors on their understanding of what proper stewardship
59 of conservation lands and easements entails. M. Speltz summarized their comments into a
60 table afterwards for Commissioners and assigned each comment a potential action for the
61 Commission to take (see Attachment #1). Commissioners discussed these potential actions
62 and how best to accomplish them (see third column of Attachment #1 completed by Staff
63 after the meeting).

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65 DES Water Supply Land Protection Grant- M. Speltz informed Commissioners that the State
66 Department of Environmental Services (DES) will be offering another a grant round for the
67 purchase of property or conservation easements in Londonderry, Derry, Auburn and/or
68 Manchester for land deemed vital to the public water supply. In past years, a 75% local match
69 has been required, which M. Speltz explained is part of the reason why \$2.2 million in grant
70 funds are still available. This year, however, the required match had dropped to 50%. M.
71 Speltz said he has contacted the Town's GIS Manager to help initiate a search for appropriate
72 land to consider.

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74 Kendall Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)- Abutters to the KPCA attended the June 24 meeting to
75 follow up with the Commission on signs that were to be placed at the KPCA parking area (map
76 4 lot 56) in an effort to prevent illegal activities from taking place there (see June 24, 2014
77 minutes). The signs would notify visitors of restricted hours, i.e. "No parking between 10 PM
78 and 5 AM." M. Considine reported that the signs have been installed. He also discussed the
79 ongoing issue with trash in the KPCA parking lot and suggested one way to remedy the
80 situation is to encourage residents to take an interest in this conservation area and its potential
81 for outdoor recreation to the degree residents and others have done with the Musquash
82 Conservation Area.



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84 New England Cottontail- A portion of the Musquash Conservation Area was clear cut in 2013 to
85 create future habitat for the endangered New England Cottontail species. M. Considine
86 reported on June 24 that the successional growth has developed to the point that maintenance
87 of the adjacent trails is now necessary. Using line item budget funds approved at that meeting
88 for trail improvements (\$500), M. Considine stated that the trail maintenance in that area has
89 been completed.

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91 Target Shooting in the Musquash- M. Considine reported that target shooting activity persists
92 in the Musquash Conservation Area (see May 27, 2014 meeting). A public workshop is
93 scheduled to take place at a September Town Council meeting.

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95 June 24, 2014 minutes- **T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24,**
96 **2014 public session as written. B. LaBrecque seconded the motion. The motion was**
97 **approved, 6-0-1** with P. Nickerson abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.

98 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 non-**
99 **public session as written. T. Bloom seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 6-0-1**
100 with P. Nickerson abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.

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102 July 10, 2014 minutes- **M. Badois made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10,**
103 **2014 public session as written. T. Bloom seconded the motion. The motion was approved,**
104 **4-0-3** with M. Considine, P. Nickerson and B. LaBrecque abstaining as they had not attended
105 the meeting.

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107 DRC; Global Motor Fuel Outlet (7-73-1)-

108 Comments: Landscaping; Ash trees are not a good tree to be planting due to concerns
109 about the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer. Drainage; Please ensure that drainage does not
110 adversely affect the town-held conservation easement to the south. The concern is for
111 cumulative flows, not just those that are instantaneous.

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113 **G. Harrington made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of**
114 **discussing possible land acquisitions. M. Considine seconded the motion.**

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116 **Roll call vote: Aye, G. Harrington; Aye, Marge Badois; Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Ben LaBrecque;**
117 **Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Deb Lievens; M. Speltz present; and K. Walsh**
118 **present.**

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120 **T. Bloom made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. B. LaBrecque seconded the motion.**
121 **The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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123 **T. Bloom made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. B.**



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124 **LaBrecque seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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126 **P. Nickerson made motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was**
127 **approved, 7-0-0.**

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129 The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

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131 Respectfully submitted,

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134 Jaye Trottier

135 Associate Planner

Summary of Town Councilors comments on stewardship and potential CC actions

Comment	Potential Action	Lead Commissioner (as discussed at 7/22/14 meeting)
Joe G: who is looking for trash	Check for trash; document results	M. Considine (b/c of trash issue associated with target shooting in the Musquash).
Joe G: ensure lands are used for recreation	Rec Guide and Rec plan	D. Lievens (Distinguish in Guide what lands are not available for recreation & why).
Tom F: opposes easements, not enough control, e.g. dam on Moose Hill orchard	Coordinate with Moose Hill orchard to define next steps; check with town attorney re private benefit	M. Speltz to contact Town Atty to help facilitate a conclusion re the M.H. orchard dam, although it is ultimately an issue for the owner.
Tom F: opposes logic used to value easements	Article for Londonderry Times explaining appraisal methodology	M. Speltz to write said article.
Jim B: wants a written stewardship plan for the town forest; detail how to deal with bittersweet	Incorporate existing contract into a written plan	Waiting for proposal from invasives specialist. Also, document ongoing actions of Town Forester.
John Farrell: wants stewardship plan for the Nevins orchard lot (later stated he did not realize the town did not own the land)	Coordinate with Nevins, Trailways, developer, and DES to see what can be done with the property	D. Lievens to confer w/ Town Mgr. about contacting DES.
Jim B: document rules governing use of town forest land	Work with Kevin S to incorporate existing policy on camping and use hours into the municipal code	D. Lievens & M. Speltz
Tom D: get the results of the above efforts into the budget process	Develop a thorough budget submission that incorporates the rec plan and the above actions	Budget process begins with Chair.