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1 Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Paul Nickerson, Truda Bloom, Ben LaBrecque, Mark
2 Oswald, and Mike Speltz

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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6 Musquash Field Day- This annual event will take place February 11, 2012. D. Lievens stated that
7 Londonderry Trailways will attend with an information table and will oversee distribution of
8 snowshoes provided by Eastern Mountain Sports. County Forester Fred Borman will be
9 available as well. Commissioner Mike Considine will be handling most of the details but D.
10 Lievens asked for a volunteer to determine which Commissioners will attend the event and at
11 what times during the day. Further details will be addressed at the next meeting.

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13 Red Deer Road; hazard trees- The owner of 24 Red Deer Road had requested permission to take
14 down several hazard trees that he believed to be on Town owned land on map 12, lot 3-62. G.
15 Harrington and P. Nickerson visited the site and confirmed that two large oaks and one pine
16 tree are leaning in the direction of the owner's shed and propane tank. The consensus of the
17 LCC was to inform the owner he may cut the trees down. G. Harrington and P. Nickerson also
18 learned from the owner that he had hired a contractor to fill in and grade a drainage swale with
19 an underground pipe that runs the width of his property. Such an action would require a
20 Dredge and Fill permit from the State Department of Environmental Services, something the
21 owner may not have known but G. Harrington said the contractor should have. He will contact
22 the owner again to discuss the situation, which may at least require an After-the-Fact D+F
23 permit.

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25 M. Speltz arrived during the above discussion at 7:40 and D. Lievens appointed him to vote for
26 Mike Considine.

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28 TV shows- This agenda topic will be addressed at a later meeting.

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30 House Bill 1515- D. Lievens said she will be attending a hearing in Concord regarding this
31 proposed bill on January 17. The bill seeks to redirect all monies collected through the Land
32 Use Change Tax (LUCT) to the general funds of New Hampshire towns and away from
33 Conservation Commissions. She submitted a draft letter to Commissioners that addresses
34 opposition to HB 1515 from the perspective of both a member of the agricultural community as
35 well as that of a Conservation Commissioner. She asked for their input concerning the
36 comments of the latter, as she will be speaking on behalf of the LCC. There were no



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37 suggestions or changes made to the document. Other proposed House bills were also
38 discussed which pertain to conservation efforts in NH.

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40 Land Use Change Tax- D. Lievens asked for a volunteer to head the effort to retain LUCT funds
41 in Londonderry for conservation purposes. A citizen's petition is expected to be brought to
42 Town Meeting in March which would seek to redirect a portion to the general fund. M. Speltz
43 offered to write a letter to the editor of the local papers. He will also ask former Alternate
44 Commissioner Mark Oswald about recording a show on the topic for his local cable show. He
45 noted how the LUCT is an unreliable source of income for the general fund since it can range so
46 significantly from year to year. Since it is unclear exactly what the citizen's petition includes
47 and whether it can be amended during the Town Deliberative Session on February 6, D. Lievens
48 will contact the Town Manager for more information and the issue will be revisited at a future
49 meeting.

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51 2012 Task List- D. Lievens distributed a list of tasks the LCC will be taking on during the course
52 of 2012. She asked that Commissioners review it and discuss at the next meeting which
53 subjects they would be willing to oversee. Topics needing assistance included (but were not
54 limited to): the Land Use Change Tax issue, Publicity/Public Relations, Hikes, Trail Work,
55 Monitoring, Open Space projects, Woodmont Commons, Town Forest Management, and
56 Special Site Visits. M. Speltz added that the forthcoming implementation of the 2010/2011
57 Open Space Task Force Report will add more items to this task list since many of the
58 recommendations in the report were assigned to the LCC.

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60 Farm and Forest Expo- G. Harrington stated that this event will take place on February 3 and 4
61 at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester.

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63 Sunnycrest Phase I- To complete the reassignment of this easement to the Rockingham County
64 Conservation District, M. Speltz forwarded a draft of the necessary transfer document to the
65 Town Attorney, however neither he nor D. Lievens has received a reply. He offered to send a
66 copy to the Town Manager and request his assistance.

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68 **G. Harrington made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of**
69 **discussing possible land acquisition per RSA 91-A:3. M. Speltz seconded.**

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71 **Roll call vote: Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Deb**
72 **Lievens; Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Truda Bloom**

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74 **G. Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. P. Nickerson seconded. The**
75 **motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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77 **G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. P.**
78 **Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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80 Joint Negotiating Committee- **G. Harrington made a motion to recommend P. Nickerson and**
81 **M. Speltz to act as representatives to the Conservation Commission on the Joint Negotiating**
82 **Committee. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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84 Open Space Task Force letters- **T. Bloom made a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an**
85 **amount not to exceed \$300 from the line item budget for the cost associated mailing letters**
86 **to the owners of the 210 priority parcels listed in the 2010/2011 Open Space Task Force**
87 **Report. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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89 December 13, 2011 minutes- P. Nickerson noted that on page one, line 12, Mike Considine's
90 name should be added to the list of members who performed monitoring duties on the
91 Plummer easement. **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the December**
92 **13, 2011 public session as amended. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1**
93 **with B. LaBrecque abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

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95 Monitoring- P. Nickerson reported that he mailed a copy of the monitoring report for the
96 Plummer easement (map and lot 8-1) to Steve Walker at the Conservation Land Stewardship
97 Program at the NH Office of Energy and Planning.

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99 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was**
100 **approved, 6-0-0.**

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102 The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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104 Respectfully submitted,

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108 Jaye Trottier
109 Secretary