



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Minutes

1 Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Considine; Paul Nickerson; Marge Badois; and Mike
2 Speltz

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4 Also present: Bob Saur, President, Londonderry Trailways

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6 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for B.
7 LaBrecque.

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9 KPCA - M. Considine and Bob Saur of Londonderry Trailways reported that they were joined by
10 approximately ten volunteers for the Kendall Pond Conservation Area (KPCA) Trail Day on October 27.
11 Trash items were removed, trails were maintained, and a new 48-foot bridge was installed to replace
12 one that was severely dilapidated. B. Saur submitted receipts for the \$1,000 worth of materials
13 used (the Commission had voted to expend the funds at their October 23 meeting). D. Lievens said
14 she is still awaiting confirmation from the Town Finance Director that non-bonded monies in the
15 Open Space Protection Fund can be used for that specific kind of land stewardship project. Syringes
16 found on site were turned over the police as they may be evidence of illegal drug activity taking place
17 there. The Commission made a formal recommendation that the Town widen the entrance to the
18 KPCA to increase visibility of the parking area and stated the Commission would work with
19 Department of Public Works (DPW) to do so. He also suggested that a portion of the KPCA could be
20 a possible site to recommend to the Dog Park Committee. There was some question from
21 Commissioners as to whether there would be adequate space there to accommodate a dog park.
22 M. Speltz cautioned that the Best Management Practices involved in the dog park will need to be
23 reviewed to ensure their compatibility with a conservation area. M. Considine also informed the
24 Commission the attempt will be made in the coming year to involve Londonderry Trailways in the
25 management of the KPCA and the Ingersoll Forest in addition to the work they do in the Musquash
26 Conservation Area and the Moose Hill Orchard conservation easements. D. Lievens noted that a
27 resident informed her that "no duck hunting" signs have been posted in the KPCA. The same
28 resident had reported recently that she had heard gun use within the KPCA.

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30 Musquash- M. Considine provided a detailed update regarding the Musquash Conservation Area:

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32 A. A **clean up** of the trails was performed following Hurricane Sandy;

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34 B. M. Considine has met with the Assistant Director of Public Works about expanding the
35 **parking** at the Hickory Hill entrance, however it was determined that only an additional 15
36 feet could be added in the direction of the Musquash before reaching the delineated edge of
37 the wetland there. A discussion about parking ensued and it was suggested that the Faucher
38 Road cul de sac be considered for a parking area since the Town owns approximately three
39 quarters of it. M. Considine also offered that a sign could be posted at the Hickory Hill
40 entrance to encourage mountain bikers to park at the Faucher Road entrance. He will also



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41 ask the Southern New Hampshire chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association to
42 advertise that suggestion. B. Saur suggested the Commission look into submitting for a
43 Recreational Trails Program grant to obtain funding for any future parking area project;
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45 C. He presented a Musquash **trail plan for 2013**, including new trails and extensions and
46 re-routing of others (see Attachment #1). The plans take into account the proposed logging
47 to be done to create habitat for the endangered New England Cottontail. Since proposed
48 trails 5 and 6 cross over land owned by Liberty Energy (map 8, lot 17), M. Speltz re-stated his
49 offer made earlier this year to contact the company about the possibility of a trail easement
50 (even a temporary one) on that property;

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52 D. He will reengage with the State to pursue trail **connections between the Musquash and**
53 **the Litchfield State Forest**;

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55 E. Bob Saur of Londonderry Trailways has begun the **dismantling of the abandoned trailer**
56 that has been used for target practice. (The direction of that target practice is perpendicular
57 to the Betty Mack Trail). M. Considine explained that while unmanaged **target shooting**
58 continues in various areas of the Musquash, the number of people using the area for passive
59 recreation continues to grow as well. He also noted a second area of newly installed targets
60 that places a ridge top trail in the line of fire. He noted that pamphlets regarding shooting
61 safety have been placed at trailhead kiosks, presumably by the Police Department.

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63 The Commission also chose February 16, 2013 as the date for the annual Musquash Field Day.
64 It was decided to invite Emma Carcagno of New Hampshire Fish and Game (F&G) to educate
65 the public about the creation of the aforementioned NE Cottontail habitat.
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67 New England Cottontail- E. Carcagno (see above) has contacted D. Lievens about performing public
68 outreach concerning the logging to take place soon in the Musquash that will initiate the creation of
69 habitat for the endangered NE Cottontail. When discussing the possibility of D. Lievens taping an
70 informational show with E. Carcagno to run on the local cable channel, it was also suggested to find
71 out if F&G has also done some sort of educational video. To follow up on a question raised at the
72 October 23 meeting about hunting, D. Lievens reported that the whole of Londonderry falls within
73 one of the areas in NH that is closed to all cottontail rabbit hunting according to the NH F&G website.
74 B. Saur stated that the informational signs approved by the Commission (see October 23 minutes) will
75 be posted in the very near future.
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77 American Chestnut presentation- D. Lievens reminded Commissioners that on January 31, 2013,
78 Wildlife Biologist Curt Laffin will give a presentation on the rebirth of the American Chestnut tree at
79 the Leach Library. The Commission will co-sponsor the event. The Library is handling publicity,
80 however D. Lievens will also invite local Conservation Commissions.



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82 Local Source Water Protection Grant- D. Lievens signed a letter of support for this grant as authorized
83 at the October 23 meeting. M. Speltz provided an update, stating that the Planning Board was
84 reluctant at their November 7 meeting to sign their own letter of support for the Southern New
85 Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) to pursue the grant on behalf of the Town. The Board
86 requested clarification as to whether doing so would obligate the Town financially or in regards to
87 forming a subcommittee, implementing the project, and/or development of an aquifer protection
88 ordinance. M. Speltz noted that the Town Council has requested that such an ordinance be drafted
89 as it was one of the recommendations of the 2011 Open Space Task Force Report. Since the
90 Commission cannot act as a subcommittee (because they do not have the legislative power that the
91 Planning Board does), M. Speltz said he would attend the November 14 Planning Board to convey the
92 support of the Commission. Only one Planning Board member would be needed to sit on a short
93 term advisory committee, something an LCC member could participate in as well. Jack Munn of
94 SNHPC will also be present on November 14 to answer any questions the Board has about the grant.

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96 October 23, 2012 minutes- **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23,**
97 **2012 public session as written. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with**
98 **M. Badois abstaining as she had not attended the meeting.**

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100 Monitoring- D. Lievens and P. Nickerson performed the annual monitoring of the Plummer easement
101 on map 8, lot 1. Although the fire pit discovered to be within the bounds of the easement during
102 the last two walks was not seen, D. Lievens said she could not confirm it has been removed. (The
103 manager of the property has been alerted twice to the need to remove it). She stated there were
104 no issues aside from the numerous trees that have fallen since last year. She suggested that during
105 next year's walk, the boundary line with the Chandler Drive development to the west be clearly
106 delineated and marked. A copy of the report has been sent to Steve Walker of the NH Office of
107 Energy and Planning. M. Considine and Truda Bloom have not been able to coordinate their walks
108 of the Moose Hill Orchard easements.

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

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113 **Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Marge Badois; Aye, P. Nickerson; Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, G.**
114 **Harrington; and Aye, Deb Lievens.**

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

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



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122 **G. Harrington made motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was**
123 **approved, 6-0-0.**

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125 The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

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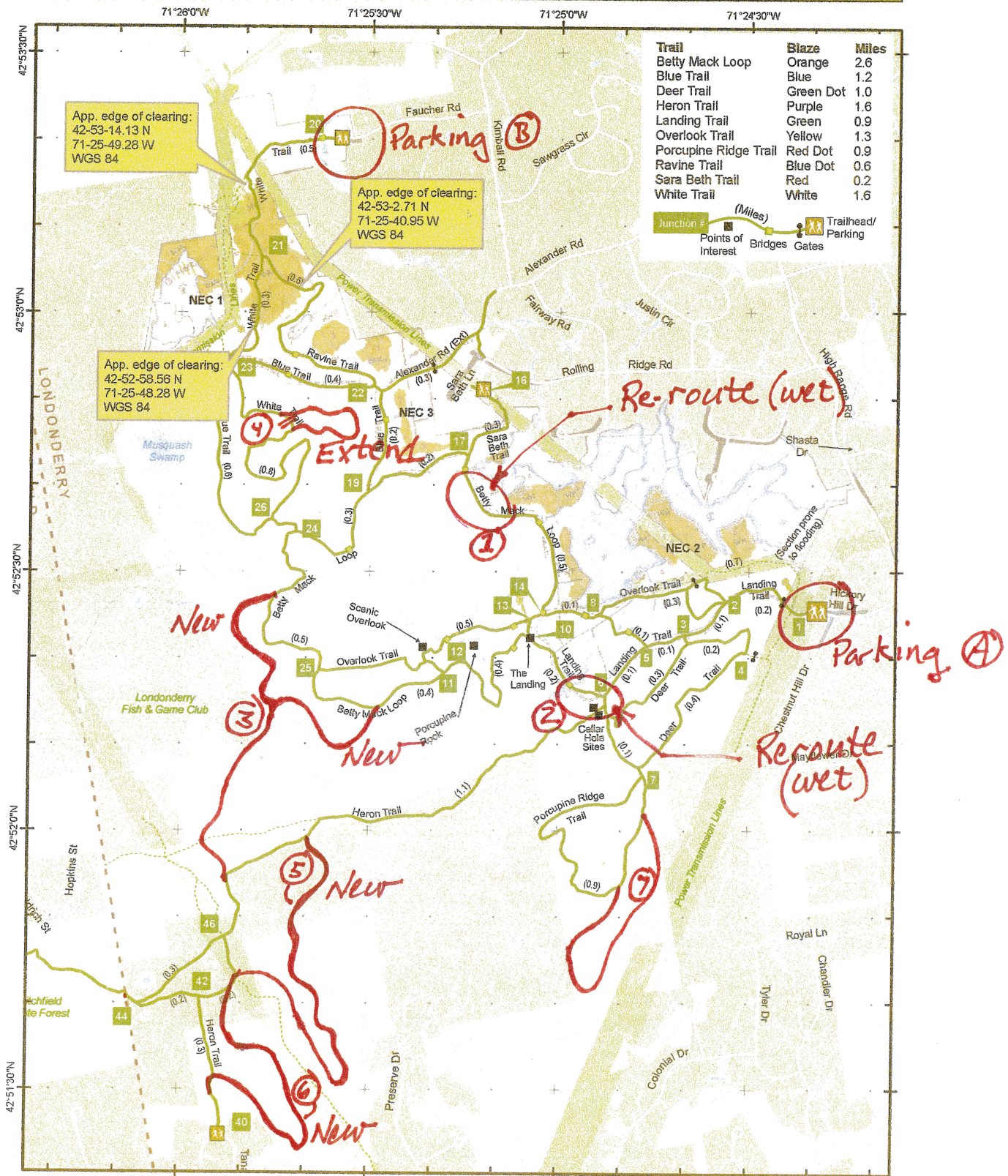
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130 Jaye Trottier

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2013 Musquash Plan

Musquash Conservation Area Londonderry, NH



New England Cottontail Management Areas

Brown shaded areas represent the Proposed NEC clearing areas. This map represents a combination of data produced by both the Moreno Forestry Associates and the Town of Londonderry. The locations on this map are approximate. This map should be used for discussion purposes only.

Proposed NEC Clearing Areas (APPROXIMATE)

Map Prepared: 9/17/2012

