



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
Minutes

1 Present: Deb Lievens; Mike Considine; Paul Nickerson; Truda Bloom; Ben LaBrecque; Mike Speltz; and  
2 Marge Badois

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. She appointed M. Badois to vote for Gene  
5 Harrington and M. Speltz to vote for the empty seat.

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7 Invasive species (phragmites)- D. Lievens continues to seek permission of the owners of 66 High Range  
8 Road to access the rear portion of their land and verify whether the invasive Phragmites is located there  
9 so it can be removed (see July 10, 2012 minutes). After M. Badois located the owner's phone number,  
10 D. Lievens left a message requesting their consent. She will follow up by mailing them a form to  
11 indicate whether they give that consent, along with a SASE envelope. It is too late in the year to obtain  
12 the requisite wetlands permit needed to remove the invasive plant, but D. Lievens has asked the  
13 professional who will perform the work to begin making the necessary arrangements, including  
14 obtaining the permit, so work can begin next fall.

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16 New England Cottontail- At the June 12 meeting, Heidi Holman of New Hampshire Fish and Game (F&G)  
17 and Town Forester Charlie Moreno had presented a proposal to create the kind of early successional  
18 habitat the endangered New England Cottontail relies on in a 60 +/- acre section of the Musquash  
19 Conservation Area. D. Lievens reminded Commissioners that F&G will be performing a site walk of the  
20 area on the morning of September 14 and will be discussing issues raised at both the June 12 and 26  
21 meetings. Some of those issues were voiced by Bob Saur, President of Londonderry Trailways. He  
22 and Sandy Lagueux will be representing Trailways at the site walk while D. Lievens will represent the  
23 Commission. Per M. Considine's request, she has asked F&G if they would perform a second site walk  
24 with M. Considine (a member of Trailways as well as a Commissioner) since he is unable to attend on  
25 September 14. She has not heard back yet but will ask again. M. Speltz reiterated that while a plan  
26 may be approved by the Commission and the Town, initial and long term funding for it should not be the  
27 responsibility of the taxpayers.

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29 B. Saur also expressed interest on behalf of Trailways in the use of the logging road that will be  
30 created for the cutting to be done in the Musquash as part of this project. Their hope is to retain that  
31 access after the logging is finished for recreational purposes. It was unclear to Commissioners,  
32 however, where that logging road may be and whether a previously created right of way will be used.

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33 American Chestnut presentation- D. Lievens announced that the Leach Library has contacted Wildlife  
34 Biologist Curt Laffin to give a presentation on the rebirth of the American Chestnut tree, perhaps in the  
35 spring or early summer of 2013. Resident Kathy Wagner had told the Library that the Commission  
36 would co-sponsor the event. There was no objection to doing so. Once a date is known, the  
37 Commission will seek to advertise the event along with the Library, including invitations to Conservation  
38 Commissions of surrounding communities and posting the event on the Southern New Hampshire  
39 Planning Commission website.

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41 Monitoring- The Rockingham County Conservation District has not yet provided their estimate for the  
42 cost of their annual monitoring duties of the Ingersoll property. D. Lievens inquired again last week but  
43 has not received either the estimate or whether the cost has increased. To account for any increase, D.  
44 Lievens suggested the Commission vote to authorize an amount not to exceed \$700, based on last year's  
45 cost of \$600. **P. Nickerson made a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed**  
46 **\$700 from the line item budget to hire the Rockingham County Conservation District to perform the**  
47 **annual monitoring duties of the Ingersoll easement. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was**  
48 **approved, 7-0-0.**

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50 Membership- The terms of Commissioners G. Harrington, M. Considine, and M. Speltz will expire on  
51 December 31, 2012. D. Lievens asked the two present to contact the Town Manager's secretary with  
52 their intentions regarding their membership. She will ask G. Harrington to do the same.

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54 Workplace Systems (15-239)- In 2006, the Commission recommended approval of a Conditional Use  
55 permit (CUP) to the Planning Board for work proposed within the wetland buffer on 562 Mammoth Road  
56 (see May 23, 2006 minutes). The project itself has been dormant due to ownership issues related to  
57 the planned sewer connection and access widening. The Wetlands Engineer contacted D. Lievens to  
58 make sure the Commission's recommendation is still in place despite the six years of inactivity. D.  
59 Lievens informed him that the recommendation does not expire and would remain in place as long as  
60 the plan had not changed (note: the plan was never approved by the Planning Board). The Wetland  
61 Scientist has submitted a letter to the Planning Department explaining that no further action is required  
62 on the part of the LCC, a copy of which was sent to the Commission for their records.

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64 Musquash (hunting season)- M. Considine stated that he will be placing signs at the various kiosks in the  
65 Musquash to inform visitors that bow hunting will begin September 15.

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67 Trail days- M. Considine announced that he will be organizing a trail day at the Kendall Pond  
68 Conservation Area (KPCA), during which trail maintenance and bridge building will take place (see July  
69 24, 2012 minutes regarding maintenance issues). He will coordinate with Londonderry Trailways and  
70 will attempt to have a trail day later in the fall for the Musquash. It was suggested that a new map be  
71 made for the KPCA kiosk. M. Considine will contact the Town's GIS Manager for his assistance.

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73 Outdoor Recreation guide- M. Speltz continues to work on the Statement of Work (SOW) for a  
74 stewardship-oriented Outdoor Recreation Guide (See August 14 and 28 minutes). He will soon forward  
75 the latest updates to the Commission and will be seeking input from the Recreation Commission and  
76 School Board before bringing the document back to a Commission meeting for final approval.  
77 Approval will also be required from the Commission to put the work out to bid. M. Speltz is  
78 anticipating assistance from Town staff to create the Request for Proposals.

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80 Joint Negotiating Committee- D. Lievens contacted Acting Town Manager Chief Hart concerning the



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81 need to assemble the newly formed Joint Negotiating Committee for land acquisitions. She had  
82 offered previously to answer any questions he may have regarding the Commission, land acquisitions,  
83 etc. and hopes to meet with him later this week.

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85 August 28, 2012 minutes- **M. Considine made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012**  
86 **public session as written. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-1 with P. Nickerson**  
87 **abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

88 **T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012 non-public session as**  
89 **written. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-1 with P. Nickerson abstaining as he**  
90 **had not attended the meeting.**

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92 **P. Nickerson made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of**  
93 **discussing possible land acquisitions. T. Bloom seconded.**

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95 **Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, P. Nickerson; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye,**  
96 **Marge Badois; Aye, Truda Bloom; and Aye, Deb Lievens.**

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98 **M. Speltz made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was**  
99 **approved, 7-0-0.**

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101 **M. Speltz made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. P. Nickerson**  
102 **seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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104 **T. Bloom made motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved,**  
105 **7-0-0.**

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107 The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22 PM.

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109 Respectfully submitted,

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112 Jaye Trottier  
113 Secretary