



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
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1 Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Truda Bloom, Ben LaBrecque, George Herrmann,  
2 and Mike Speltz  
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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for Paul Nickerson.  
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6 **G. Harrington made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of discussing  
7 possible land acquisition per RSA 91-A:3. M. Speltz seconded.**  
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9 **Roll call vote: Aye, Deb Lievens; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye,  
10 George Herrmann; Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Mike Speltz**  
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12 **G. Herrmann made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was  
13 approved, 7-0-0.**  
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15 **G. Herrmann made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. G. Harrington  
16 seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**  
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18 **G. Harrington made a motion that the Conservation Commission hold a public hearing on February 22,  
19 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Sunnycrest Conference Room regarding the acquisition of a conservation  
20 easement substantially in the form of the existing conservation easement on map and lot 17-6 on 20+/-  
21 acres of land on map and lot 17-10 in the amount of \$219,000. G. Herrmann seconded. The motion was  
22 approved, 7-0-0.**  
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24 **Open Space Task Force survey**- M. Speltz explained that the OSTF is creating a survey designed to gauge  
25 residents' attitudes and opinions on the needs for the values and benefits nature provides through open  
26 spaces. The plan is to create two versions for the survey, one web-based that will make the survey  
27 available to all residents and the other a printed copy mailed to 400 randomly selected homes, which will  
28 be used to scientifically validate the electronic version. While the cost for the web version is negligible, the  
29 UNH Survey Center has estimated that a mail survey to 400 homes (a reasonable sample size based on  
30 Londonderry's population) would cost approximately \$2,000. This would include the cost of the mailing  
31 itself, return postage, and tabulation of the results. D. Lievens has reviewed the line item budget in  
32 anticipation of expected costs in 2011. Based on those estimates, it was decided that the LCC could  
33 contribute \$500 towards the effort. **G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an  
34 amount not to exceed \$500 from the line item budget to support the Open Space Task Force mail survey.  
35 M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

36 M. Speltz also told LCC members that the OSTF is at the point in their process where they have  
37 reached agreement on which natural services resulting from open space are most important to the town  
38 and will now begin determining how many acres are needed to sufficiently provide those benefits.  
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40 **Flooding issue, Verani & Evans properties**- Larry Keniston of the NH Department of Transportation Rail and  
41 Transit Bureau sent an email to the LCC explaining a situation where a failed culvert under the abandoned  
42 Manchester-Lawrence railroad is causing perpetual flooding on property owned by the Evans because of  
43 work done by the Veranis on lot 16-5. When 16-5 was developed by the Veranis, wetlands there were



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44 apparently filled, reducing flood storage. The Rail and Transit Bureau is looking for input from the LCC as to  
45 whether any mitigation can be sought from the Veranis for the wetland filling that took place. A review of  
46 the area on the Town GIS system did not show evidence of a flood zone existing in that immediate area. It  
47 will be investigated first if a Dredge and Fill permit was granted by the Department of Environmental  
48 Services and if so, what was specifically allowed. The existing conditions page of the site plan could also  
49 help determine if the wetland on 16-5 has changed since the development took place there. If a D+F  
50 permit is not found, M. Speltz suggested the LCC write a letter to DES informing them of the situation.

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52 DRC- 45 Buttrick Road; site plan, change of use (former fire station to office/storage use), 6-33A:

53 No comments

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55 Mack- M. Speltz said A. Mack Sr. has declined to pursue a conservation easement with the Town on map  
56 and lot 9-49 using the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grant money that was awarded to the Town  
57 in 2010 for a possible easement on lot 10-15. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has informed M.  
58 Speltz, however, that the funds could be transferred to another property, provided it would meet the  
59 qualifications, particularly with regard to soil type. M. Speltz will be investigating another property  
60 discussed previously in non-public sessions.

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62 Jake Road conservation easement- After an inspection was performed of the conservation easement on  
63 map and lot 6-15-4 in the fall of 2010, a letter was sent to owner Jake Laurendeau informing him of the  
64 invasive species growing there. J. Laurendeau contacted D. Lievens and she explained to him that although  
65 the LCC would prefer the invasives be removed because of their environmental impact, it is ultimately his  
66 choice as the property owner whether to do so.

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68 January 11, 2011 minutes- The following corrections of the minutes of the January 11, 2001 public session  
69 were proposed prior to the meeting:

- 70 1. Line 69; Change the word "wood" to "tree" (D. Lievens)
- 71 2. Line 164; The word "not" was omitted and should be inserted between "could" and "redirect"  
72 (M. Speltz).

73 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 public session as**  
74 **corrected. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 with G. Herrmann and T. Bloom**  
75 **abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.**

76 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 non-public session**  
77 **as written. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 with the same abstentions noted**  
78 **above.**

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80 Musquash map- M. Considine said the updated 11x17 Musquash maps, which feature trails on Moose Hill  
81 Orchard easements and School property on the reverse, are ready for the LCC's final approval. In order to  
82 have it ready for Musquash Field Day on February 12, the Town GIS Manager will forward a pdf version  
83 electronically to the LCC since their next meeting will take place just days before the event.

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85 Musquash Field Day- D. Lievens has been overseeing publicity for this annual event and M. Considine  
86 continues to coordinate all other matters involved.



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G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Jaye Trottier

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Secretary