



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
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1 Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Paul Nickerson, Ben LaBrecque and, and George Herrmann

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

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5 Tammy Verani Revocable Trust subdivision (CUP)- At the April 12 meeting, George Chadwick of  
6 Hancock Associates presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit to impact 3,767 square feet of  
7 the Conservation Overlay District buffer with a portion of a proposed common driveway within a 5-lot  
8 subdivision on map and lot 17-34 (see April 12, 2011 minutes). G. Harrington had indicated a  
9 possibility where some of that impact could be pulled out of the buffer. G. Chadwick returned to this  
10 meeting with an amended design that met the request. The total impact to the buffer would now be  
11 2,320 sf. In addition, at D. Lievens' request, Conservation Overlay District boundary markers would be  
12 placed along the entire buffer to ensure future owners are aware of the "no-cut" zone on their  
13 individual properties. He reiterated that storm water runoff from the driveway will flow into an  
14 oversized treatment trench, adding this time that the supplementary treatment was actually not  
15 included in the drainage calculations for the site. A signed copy of the CUP application was provided to  
16 the Chair.

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18 **Paul Nickerson made a motion to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Planning Board**  
19 **recommending acceptance of the Conditional Use Permit as presented at this meeting. G.**  
20 **Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-0.**

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22 Open Space Task Force public meeting- In January of this year, the LCC had voted to expend an  
23 amount not to exceed \$500 to support the Open Space Task Force in their efforts to mail an opinion  
24 survey to 400 homes in Londonderry (see January 25, 2011 minutes). The overall cost of the mailing,  
25 however, proved to be cost prohibitive. An online survey that was to be compared to the mail survey  
26 was relied upon solely. The Task Force is now at the stage where they will be holding a special public  
27 meeting to obtain input, ideas, and comments from Londonderry residents about future development  
28 and conservation in town. In order to reach as many people as possible, the OSTF would like to  
29 advertise in both the Londonderry Times as well as the Derry News. A three-column ad approximately  
30 four inches in height would cost roughly \$300 if run once in both papers. The Task Force, however, has  
31 no budget. After reviewing the draft text for the ad, **G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the**  
32 **Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$500 from the line item budget to support the advertising**  
33 **of the May 25, 2011 Open Space Task Force meeting. B. LaBrecque seconded. The motion was**  
34 **approved, 5-0-0.**

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36 Purple loosestrife- D. Lievens suggested purchasing Galerucella beetles to combat the significant  
37 amount of the invasive purple loosestrife species at the end of the Faucher Road bridge in the  
38 Musquash Conservation Area. The beetles, which feed exclusively on loosestrife and have been used  
39 in the flax field off Pillsbury Road, will cost approximately \$300. Purple Loosestrife was also discovered  
40 along with Phragmites on map and lot 6-113 during the wetlands assessment done there in  
41 preparation of the Nesenkeag Brook headwaters restoration. D. Lievens said some of the grant monies  
42 obtained through the Aquatic Resource Mitigation fund could be used to combat those invasives as  
43 part of the restoration.



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45 ARM grant- Gove Environmental Services has completed their assessment of the wetlands on map and  
46 lot 6-113 as the first step in the restoration of the Nesenkeag Brook Headwaters on that lot. D. Lievens  
47 asked Commissioners to review the materials provided by Gove so that the LCC can discuss the  
48 finalization of the restoration plan at their next meeting.

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50 DRC- Geulakos Subdivision, Parmenter Road, 3-138-1

51 Comments: Where is the boundary? There is an inconsistency on the locus map vs. the  
52 subdivision map (sheet 2 of 6) regarding the northeasterly boundaries. There is no solid line to show  
53 the real parcel boundaries. The dam appears to be on their property. Who is responsible for  
54 maintaining the dam?

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56 Chair presentations- The Town Council recently requested individual presentations from the Chairs of  
57 the various Town Boards and Commissions regarding their plans for the coming fiscal year. D. Lievens  
58 made her appearance before the Council on April 18. She reported that Councilor Farrell explained his  
59 recent suggestion to place a warrant article on next year's Town ballot that would redirect a  
60 percentage of the Land Use Change Tax into the General Fund. He stated that the Town has revenue  
61 issues and that his main concern is for town safety. Councilor O'Keefe echoed that sentiment.  
62 Councilor Freda stated that clarification needs to be provided to residents as to what uses are both  
63 allowed and prohibited on each piece of conservation land in town.

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65 Master Plan Update Committee- D. Lievens received an email from the Town Planner sent to all  
66 Boards and Committees asking for a representative from each for the upcoming Master Plan Update.  
67 She said the topic could be discussed at the next meeting when more Commissioners may be present.

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69 April 12, 2011 minutes- G. Harrington suggested removing the following sentence on page 4, line 124  
70 of the draft minutes as the description had not been definitively stated during the presentation: "This  
71 would convert the now privately run system to a public one." Commissioners agreed. **P. Nickerson  
72 made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 public session as amended. G.  
73 Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 3-0-2 with B. LaBrecque and G. Herrmann  
74 abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.**

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76 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Herrmann seconded. The motion was  
77 approved, 5-0-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.**

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79 Respectfully submitted,

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83 Jaye Trottier

84 Secretary