



Londonderry Conservation Commission

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Ken Henault, Paul Nickerson, Mark**  
2 **Oswald and M. Speltz**

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4 Call to order; 7:30 P.M.

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6 D. Lievens appointed M. Oswald to vote for Truda Bloom.

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8 Elections- D. Lievens entertained nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the LCC. **G. Harrington**  
9 **nominated D. Lievens as Chair of the LCC. M. Oswald seconded. K. Henault nominated G.**  
10 **Harrington as Vice Chair of the LCC. P. Nickerson seconded.**

11 **P. Nickerson made a motion to close the nominations. M. Oswald seconded. The motion**  
12 **was approved, 6-0-0.**

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14 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- The LCC was awarded \$20,000 in grant money from the State's  
15 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund to develop a restoration plan for the wetland on map and lot 6-113.  
16 The Department of Environmental Services made the grant contingent upon the LCC placing a deed  
17 restriction on the property. M. Speltz has drafted the deed restriction using DES model language and  
18 forwarded it to Lori Summers.

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20 Mack- M. Speltz provided an update on the work being done to fulfill the requirements of the Farm  
21 and Ranchland Protection Program grant to be used towards the purchase of a conservation easement  
22 on map and lot 10-15.

23 He recently forwarded a draft easement to the District Manager for the Rockingham County  
24 Conservation District, who had previously given consent for the LCC to use the Natural Resource  
25 Conservation Service model. The language will ultimately need to be agreed upon by NRCS, Andy  
26 Mack, RCCD and the LCC. If he has not received any comment by the end of next week, M. Speltz  
27 will follow up with RCCD.

28 Scott Dickman of SED Valuation will be appraising map and lot 10-15 as required by FRPP  
29 (see December 8 minutes). He informed M. Speltz that he will begin work as soon as he is finished  
30 with his current assignment. This would actually be preferable, M. Speltz explained, as it is better to  
31 have the appraisal done closer to the time of the closing.

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33 Town Forest- Town Forester Charlie Moreno put the Town Forest selective cut out to bid and received  
34 several proposals. He has asked that an appropriate member or members of the LCC attend the public  
35 bid opening with him. D. Lievens and M. Oswald will attempt to coordinate this for later next week.  
36 The two also met previously with a State licensed pesticide professional to discuss the removal of the  
37 invasive bittersweet species (see December 8, 2009 minutes). He has since submitted a proposal with  
38 a cost of \$3,000.

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40 Musquash Field Day- This annual event will take place on February 13. M. Considine is handling  
41 most of the preparation and noted that he will be attempting to obtain extra snowshoes from the Middle  
42 School based on last year's turnout. D. Lievens is taking care of publicity. She has already contacted  
43 the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and will follow up again to see if a  
44 representative has been assigned to the task.

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47 NHACC dues- **D. Lievens entertained a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not**  
48 **to exceed \$850.00 from the line item budget to pay the annual dues for membership in the New**  
49 **Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. M. Oswald so moved. P. Nickerson**  
50 **seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1** (G. Harrington abstained as he is on the NHACC Board  
51 of Directors).

52 M. Speltz noted that among other reasons, the investment is a valuable one since the NHACC is  
53 the conservation lobby at the State House. D. Lievens said that these dues are based on the population  
54 of each town and hence have not increased in Londonderry's case for a number of years.

55 G. Harrington mentioned later in the meeting that NHACC information is now accessible to  
56 NH Conservation Commissioners on their website via a password-protected account.

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58 Smith property (17-11)- Town Planner Tim Thompson forwarded information to the LCC regarding a  
59 proposed subdivision on map and lot 17-11 which abuts a conservation easement on the Merrill  
60 property, i.e. 17-6. The plan is to subdivide lot 11 nearly in half with the southern portion being added  
61 to lot 6 (see attachment), which would mean placing it under easement as well at no cost to the Town.

62 Part of any subdivision involves delineation of wetlands and the Conservation Overlay District  
63 on all parcels involved. T. Thompson inquired whether the LCC would object to the applicant  
64 forgoing the mapping (and associated cost) of wetlands and CO district where the easement already  
65 exists as it is already documented in the Town's easement file. The consensus was to accept the  
66 proposal with M. Speltz adding that it would not even be necessary to delineate wetlands on the  
67 portion of lot 11 to be added to lot 6. When the project moves to the Design Review Committee stage,  
68 the LCC would then be able to vote formally on the proposal.

69 Federal grant money was used to purchase the easement, therefore it needs to be researched as  
70 to whether their approval would be needed but it was not believed they would object in any way to  
71 adding to an easement.

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73 151 Mammoth Road- P. Nickerson brought the attention of the LCC a 6-acre lot at 151 Mammoth  
74 Road that he noticed has been for sale for well over a year. It directly abuts part of the newly obtained  
75 Estey easement on 3-100, which M. Speltz noted would provide more protection to the section of  
76 Black Brook running between the two lots. M. Oswald suggested determining first whether it is a  
77 buildable lot because of wetlands in that area. He offered to contact the seller's agent and forward any  
78 information to D. Lievens and M. Speltz along with any comparable data he can find.

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80 Land Use Change Tax- The LCC discussed the possibility of a citizen's petition being submitted for  
81 Town Meeting that could seek to redirect funds obtained through the Land Use Change Tax for items  
82 other than conservation. A discussion ensued about the best ways to inform the public on the  
83 significance of conservation efforts in Londonderry. Importance was placed on not only publicizing  
84 information but on also making sure those in favor of conservation in Londonderry attend Town  
85 Meeting in March.

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87 M. Oswald left the meeting.

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89 December 8, 2009 minutes- The following amendments were suggested to the minutes of the public  
90 session of the December 8, 2009 meeting:

91 1. Line 23; replace "given that Gove suggested a \$2,000 contingency plan" with "allowing for  
92 a \$2,000 contingency component" (D. Lievens).



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93 2. Lines 48-50; replace “Neither the subdivided lot nor the area to be included around the  
94 second house will be part of the easement” with “In the event A. Mack exercises his  
95 withdrawal right(s), the subdivided lot and/or the area to be included around the second house  
96 would no longer be part of the easement” (M. Speltz).

97 3. Line 106; replace “first” with “second” (D. Lievens)

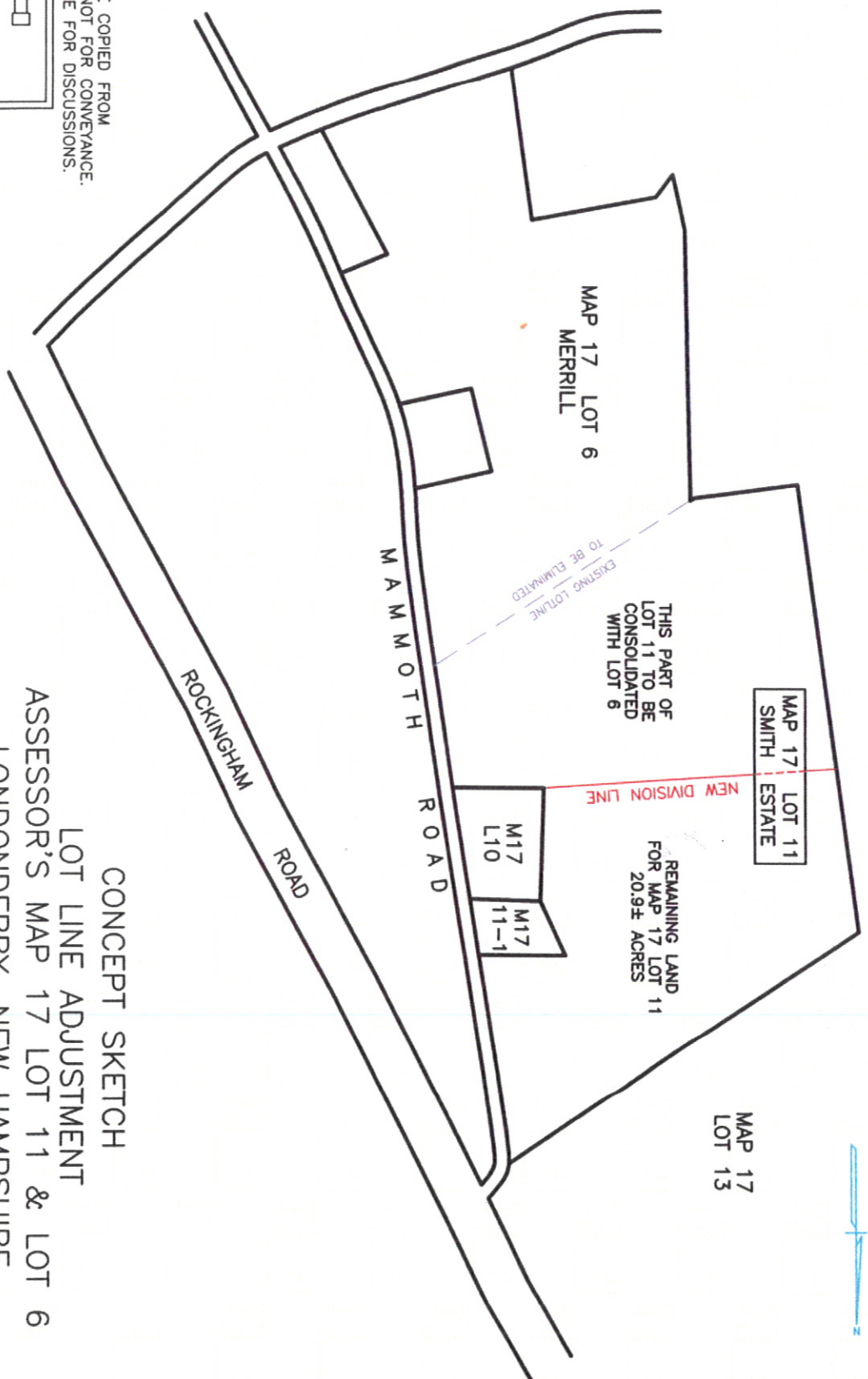
98 4. Line 108; delete “newly formed” before the words “advisory committee” (D. Lievens).

99 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 public**  
100 **session as amended. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 4-0-1 with K. Henault**  
101 **abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

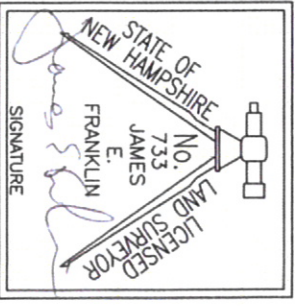
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103 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. K. Henault seconded. The**  
104 **motion was approved, 5-0-0.**

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106 Respectfully submitted,

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109 Jaye Trottier  
110 Secretary



ALL LINES WERE COPIED FROM THE TAX MAP, NOT FOR CONVEYANCE. THIS IS SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS.



CONCEPT SKETCH  
 LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT  
 ASSESSOR'S MAP 17 LOT 11 & LOT 6  
 LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 LANDS OF  
 MERRILL & SMITH  
 01/07/10 ~ 1"=500'±

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