



Londonderry Conservation Commission

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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Ben LaBrecque and Mike Speltz**

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3 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:30 and appointed M. Speltz to vote for Paul Nickerson.

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5 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- M. Speltz reported that the Department of Environmental Services
6 has forwarded a new “General Provisions” document that will need to be signed by the Town Manager
7 and notarized. This addition to the project agreement is a result of a change in business administrators at
8 DES. Before returning it to Lori Sommer, however, D. Lievens will verify that the insurance limits of
9 Gove Environmental Services will satisfy DES requirements. She noted that because of the delay in DES
10 being able to present to the Governor’s Council, the Town has been given an extension accordingly on the
11 deadline for the restoration. Instead of December of this year, the Town will have until June 2011 to
12 complete the work.

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14 American Chestnut/Trees & Flowers Program- At the April 13 meeting, P. Nickerson relayed an offer
15 from a friend to present a slide show on the rebirth of the American Chestnut tree. The LCC had
16 expressed interest and proposed opening the event to the general public, perhaps sometime in the fall. D.
17 Lievens has since posed the possibility of expanding the presentation to a program of the natural history
18 of the New Hampshire’s southern tier. She offered to begin investigating the idea by contacting other
19 local conservation commissions and determining their interest and availability.

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21 Environmental Service Program/Chloride issue- A Londonderry High School biology teacher has
22 contacted Londonderry Trailways because at least one incoming senior will be required to perform 80
23 hours of work as part of an environmental service program. Trailways member Sandy Lagueux passed
24 the information along to D. Lievens in case the LCC would also have any projects for the student. Not all
25 of the details are known but D. Lievens said the topic will probably be addressed at the June 9 Trailways
26 meeting.

27 M. Speltz suggested that depending on the skills of the student, they could perform some kind of
28 wildlife and/or plant inventory. He added that it would be even more advantageous if the student could
29 take water samples throughout town to illustrate the ever-growing sodium chloride issue. As part of the
30 drainage area for the improvements being done to I-93, towns like Londonderry are under a “total
31 maximum daily load program” for chloride. This will eventually require Londonderry to reduce the
32 amount of road salt used in town. Water samples could provide the data needed to approach the
33 Environmental Baseline Study Committee and ultimately ask the Planning Board and Town Council to
34 consider not only current chloride levels but also future increases associated with the Town’s impervious
35 surface requirements. Although this type of student assignment would not immediately and directly
36 benefit the LCC the way something like a trail project would, it fits the LCC’s mandate to preserve the
37 Town’s natural resources. M. Speltz and D. Lievens thought the school might even already have the
38 proper equipment for the sampling and testing.

39 (See also next topic regarding chloride levels).

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41 Captain’s Shoppes stormwater analysis (Envirosense report)- In 2006, the LCC had requested that site
42 plan approval of the development on map and lot 7-68 include an analysis of the pre and post-
43 development stormwater runoff across the property. M. Speltz reviewed the first such report submitted in
44 May. He stated that the post-development runoff indicated that overall, the new bioretention facility
45 seems to be working to the degree that conditions are no worse *with the exception of* chloride levels.
46 Swales and bioretention facilities, he explained, will only dissolve salt but will not retain it, meaning the
47 drinking water supply will be as contaminated as if the drainage structures did not exist. Unlike other



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48 existing EBSC monitoring sites located in streams that benefit from a degree of environmental protection,
49 this analysis comes from an area directly affected by adjacent impervious pavement and therefore better
50 demonstrates the impact of heavy chloride use. If the LCC hopes to initiate a water quality ordinance, this
51 kind of information will provide a starting point. Since the Planning Board would most likely look to
52 Town staff first for input, M. Speltz recommended the first step be to meet with members of the Planning
53 and Public Works departments. He asked the Commission for a consensus on his plan of action.

54 **G. Harrington made a motion that M. Speltz move forward with his proposal regarding**
55 **sodium chloride levels in town. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-0.**

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57 Kendallwood condominium wetlands- A resident had contacted the Town with concerns about a wetland
58 being drained at Kendallwood Condominiums. The resident believed that the wetlands there had already
59 been damaged during a timber cut this past winter. The Assistant Building Inspector investigated and
60 reported to the LCC secretary that an existing drain had been blocked, apparently because of the timber
61 cut, and expanded the wetland. His assessment was that this was necessary maintenance on the part of the
62 condo association. The resident was given contact information for DES, as they would have authority to
63 take any necessary enforcement action.

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65 Musquash parking- At the April 13 meeting, M. Considine remarked about the increase in the number of
66 people parking at the end of Hickory Hill Road to visit the Musquash Conservation Area. He asked at that
67 time if the Public Works Director could be approached about creating an actual parking area.

68 Research done after that meeting showed that when the issue first came up in 2007, PSNH had
69 asked the LCC to provide a plan of their intentions. M. Speltz now suggested first asking PSNH what
70 specific constraints they would place on such project at that location and subsequently asking the Public
71 Works Director what he would allow and/or recommend. D. Lievens will first follow up with her contact
72 at PSNH.

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74 May 25, 2010 minutes- The following corrections were suggested:

- 75 1. Line 48; add "footprint" after the words "900 sf" (G. Harrington).
76 2. Line 124; add "He said he would make his \$50 a contribution to Trailways" (D. Lievens).
77 3. Line 173; add "water" after the word "drinking." (M. Speltz).
78 4. Lines 206-207; add "Non-public minutes- The LCC will continue the annual review of its non-
79 public minutes at the June 8 meeting with the evaluation of years 2004, the remainder of 2005,
80 2006-2008 and the remainder of 2009, time permitting" (M. Speltz and D. Lievens).

81 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 public session as**
82 **corrected. B. LaBrecque seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-0.**

83 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 non-public session**
84 **as written and to unseal said minutes with the exception of one sentence. M. Considine seconded.**
85 **The motion was approved, 5-0-0.**

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87 **G. Harrington made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of**
88 **discussing possible land acquisitions as well as the potential release of portions of non-public**
89 **minutes regarding possible land acquisitions. B. LaBrecque seconded.**

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91 **Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Deb**
92 **Lievens; and Aye, Mike Speltz.**

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94 **G. Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. M. Speltz seconded. The motion**
95 **was approved, 5-0-0.**
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97 **G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. M. Speltz**
98 **seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-0.**
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100 **G. Harrington made a motion that the minutes of the following Londonderry Conservation**
101 **Commission non-public sessions be unsealed, except for those parts redacted because they involve**
102 **personal information, negotiation methods and/or potential or ongoing transaction: those dates in**
103 **2005 and 2009 not previously reviewed at the May 25 meeting and the meetings in 2006 and 2007,**
104 **except for those at which D. Lievens was not in attendance because she recused herself from those**
105 **discussions. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-0.**
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107 Non-public minutes- The LCC will continue the annual review of its non-public minutes at the June 22
108 meeting with the evaluation of years 2004, 2008 and the remainder of 2006 and 2007, time permitting.
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110 The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35.
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112 Respectfully submitted,
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116 Jaye Trottier

117 Secretary