



Londonderry Conservation Commission

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington and Ben LaBrecque.**

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3 Call to order; 7:33 P.M.

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5 Route 28 and Page Road D+F- Mike Leach, Jerry Fortin and Andre Betit of Stantec Consulting
6 Service Inc. presented a Dredge and Fill application on behalf of the Town for road improvements
7 scheduled for the intersection of Route 28 and Page Road. This Department of Transportation project
8 will be managed by the Town and will correct the failed intersection by adding turning lanes and
9 traffic signals. Sixteen wetland impacts will occur along the edges of the intersection from the
10 increased road width, totaling 9,950 square feet of impact, 590 of which will only be temporary.
11 Guardrails and 2:1 slopes will be utilized to minimize impacts that range in size from 15 sf to 2,520 sf.

12 D. Lievens will write a letter of intervention to the Wetlands Bureau explaining the LCC will
13 not be able to state their approval or disapproval until a quorum of members is present.

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15 Pettengill Road D+F (2)- The three Stantec engineers next presented an upcoming D+F project related
16 to a proposed sewer interceptor originating at a sewer pump south of the proposed Airport access road
17 station and heading northeast along a future road that will bisect Pettengill Road (see attached plan).
18 Of the 17,150 sf of wetlands impact, only 30 sf will be permanent.

19 The third D+F application will be for work to be done on Pettengill Road itself just west of the
20 intersection with Industrial Drive. A 36 inch culvert will be removed and filled in, resulting in 2,000 sf
21 of permanent impact. A 12' x 6' box culvert will then be installed approximately 200 feet further west
22 and will eventually cause a rechanneling the existing stream and drainage. J. Fortin pointed out that
23 the new culvert will be placed within a wildlife corridor reserved by DOT as Airport access road
24 mitigation but will still promote wildlife movement.

25 The D+F applications for these two projects are planned to be submitted in time for the LCC's
26 next meeting.

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28 Red Fern Circle flooding- M. Considine recently visited Red Fern Circle and confirmed that a large
29 beaver dam complex in the Musquash Conservation Area is causing flooding on 5 Red Fern Circle.
30 The owners had asked the Town Manager for approval to trap the beavers in the Musquash and he in
31 turn had asked the LCC for their input. D. Lievens spoke with the trapper (the head of the NH
32 Trappers Association) who simply needs formal permission from the Town in order to place his traps,
33 install a beaver baffle and/or work with the Town's Public Works Department (which he noted may
34 be a more economical solution for the property owners). D. Lievens will inform the Town Manager
35 that a quorum was not present to take a formal vote and leave the decision with him as to whether to
36 give the trapper the approval without having to wait until the LCC's next meeting.

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38 Mathes property- D. Lievens stated that after years of uncertainty, the exact location of map and lot 8-
39 10 has finally been determined by the Town's GIS Coordinator. She noted that it does not occupy any
40 Town owned land as was once believed, however a small portion does overlap onto land owned by
41 Londonderry Fish and Game.

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43 Essex Drive pool variance- D. Lievens reported that the owner of 6 Essex Court was granted a
44 variance by the Zoning Board of Adjustment to allow an inground pool within the building setback
45 (see April 14th minutes). There had been concern that the pool might infringe on the Conservation
46 Overlay Buffer located on the property but D. Lievens said such an impact will definitely not occur.



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48 Plummer easement- D. Lievens and P. Nickerson performed the annual monitoring of this
49 conservation easement on map and lot 8-1. They noted the existence of the new boundary pin recently
50 installed by Eric Mitchell Associates that officially establishes the boundary between the easement and
51 Chandler Drive. They also became aware of construction trash dumped in a resident's backyard and
52 onto the easement. D. Lievens will contact the owners to have the debris removed.

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54 Mack easements- The Rockingham County Conservation District is filing an application on behalf of
55 the Town for grant money from the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program which would be used
56 towards the purchase of conservation easements on map and lots 9-49 and 10-15. In order to update
57 the appraisals originally done in June 2008, the LCC will need to vote at their next meeting to
58 authorize the Chair to expend \$3,500 from the Open Space Protection Fund. The application deadline
59 is May 15th.

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61 Hazard trees, Adams Road- Owners at 101 and 103 Adams Road had inquired about taking down
62 hazardous trees that stand on conservation land in a right of way running between their two lots (map
63 and lot 6-33-13). G. Harrington and B. LaBrecque investigated the situation and reported that only one
64 of the two trees in question appeared to be endangering one of the houses but did not think it would be
65 an issue for both to be brought down. One of the owners said that once he obtains the Town's
66 permission, he may call an arborist to take down those trees rather than having a logger perform the
67 work.

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69 The residents had also inquired as to the possibility of having a logger take down more trees
70 within that same right of way. G. Harrington reported that there were not many trees for the logger to
71 cut because the topography would most likely inhibit a skidder going too far onto the strip of land.
72 The issue will be brought up again at the next meeting, assuming a quorum is available for a vote.

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73 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- Approximately \$600,000 has accumulated in this fund which the
74 Department of Environmental Services uses for wetlands restoration. D. Lievens reported at the
75 February 24th meeting that roughly \$150,000 of that money is mitigation for projects done in
76 Londonderry. Several possible projects have been identified in Londonderry, one of which is a swamp
77 on property owned by Reed Clark off Litchfield Road. D. Lievens has been in touch with R. Clark
78 who has expressed interest in the restoration effort. Another possibility recently noted by Mike Speltz
79 is a large landlocked wetland on map and lot 6-113 that is actually owned by the Town. She asked that
80 one of the Commissioners volunteer to take charge of the application process for these funds.

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82 **The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

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84 Respectfully submitted,

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