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Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Paul Nickerson, Ben LaBrecque, and Mike Speltz

Call to order; 7:35 P.M.

D. Lievens appointed M. Speltz to vote for Ken Henault

<u>Estey easement-</u> M. Speltz reported that he met with Tom and Harold Estey to review the terms of the Purchase and Sale agreement for a 74-acre conservation easement being bought by the Town. He will be redrafting the easement deed based on revisions he received from the Estey's attorney. Some sections were completely omitted in their attorney's version and M. Speltz is not convinced that it accurately reflects H. Estey's input.

In addition, H. Estey and his brother Bill are planning to enter into a land exchange agreement. M. Speltz advised that the closings on the easement and land swap should be done simultaneously. He is still awaiting the property description and title search information from Town Counsel and will request an update.

Gulf South Addition, CUP- Michael Malynowski and Chris Tymula of MHF Design Consultants presented a site plan for an addition to the Gulf South medical supply warehouse at 12 No. Wentworth Ave (14-44-25). When first permitted in 1999, a 35,000 square foot future addition had been approved to the rear of the building, although now the footprint has been reduced to 25,000 sf. A conditional use permit is required for the resulting work to take place in the Conservation Overlay District buffer on the eastern side of the property. Two areas of disturbance will occur, one diagonally across from the southeastern tip of the existing building and the other on the north side of the lot, directly east of the proposed addition.

M. Malynowski explained that the 800 sf of impact to the south is a result of adding a small strip of pavement to restore the long-term erosion caused by trucks exiting from the southernmost loading dock. When concern was expressed that the trucks could then erode the restored edge and curbing, it was suggested that the problem should not reoccur since it was most likely only caused by the increase in standard trailer length in the last decade from 48 feet to 53 feet. To be sure, the LCC also asked if landscape boulders could be placed outside that edge to ensure no further encroachment takes place.

The 2,200 sf of impact to the north would come about when the slope at the back end of the detention pond is restored and previously approved drainage connections are installed. Although no new parking will be created, additional runoff is anticipated from the pavement expansion associated with the new loading dock area. M. Speltz asked how the impacted areas would be re-vegetated. M. Malynowski replied that right now, only grass is planned for reestablishment but that if the LCC preferred, something like a New England wildflower mix could be used.

M. Malynowski then asked whether the LCC would interpret installation of riprap aprons for the drainage pipes as actual wetland impacts since the wetland is a man made result of the detention pond. G. Harrington answered that the State does not differentiate between man made and naturally occurring wetlands. M. Malynowski said he would examine whether the drainage could be rerouted to avoid the issue before initiating the D+F process with the State. If it is rerouted, D. Lievens stated that as long as the buffer impact is equal to or less than this current proposal, the applicant need not return to the LCC. She asked, however, that any such revised plan still be submitted for LCC records.



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P. Nickerson asked for a review of snow storage sites, which M. Malynowski pointed out on the eastern side of the building and on grassed areas to the rear of the lot. G. Harrington noted that the plans reflected an incorrect map and lot number of 14-25. M. Malynowski said that would be corrected.

P. Nickerson made a motion to recommend approval of the CUP request to the Planning Board with the further recommendation that they require a series of boulders or similar way of keeping the traffic on the driveway at the south end. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

<u>Merrill easement</u>- Ken Merrill forwarded information to the LCC regarding a Natural Resources Conservation Service drainage project to take place this summer, which will update and replace a failed drainage system on the south side of their orchard on map and lot 17-6. He asked if the LCC needed to review the plan beforehand because of the conservation easement on the property.

After reviewing the plans, it was decided there was no comment other than that the Merrills need approval from the Rockingham County Conservation District since they actually own the easement. M. Speltz noted that the project is an improvement associated with the existing agricultural use, which is permitted by the easement deed.

M. Speltz left the room.

Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- RCCD has submitted an application on behalf of the Town to obtain funding from the State's Aquatic Resource Mitigation program to restore wetlands on map and lot 6-113 (see May 26, 2009 minutes). Because the application proved to be more complicated than was originally expected, Tracy Degnan of RCCD has updated the quote for the scope of work to be done.

At the last meeting, the LCC voted to expend an amount not to exceed \$2,000 from the conservation account to cover the estimated expense. It is now known that the invoice will total \$1,500. D. Lievens discovered after reviewing other upcoming expenses, however, that the funding should be split between the conservation account and the line item budget. It was therefore decided to override the vote made on March 26 with a modified motion. G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,000 from the conservation fund and \$500 from the line item budget to pay RCCD for their services associated with the ARM grant application. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-0.

Musquash trails- M. Considine stated that the trail workday held on May 30th was successful even though the number of volunteers was fewer than expected. The majority of the new loop trail was completed between Faucher and Alexander Roads and the remainder was flagged for M. Considine to finish. Materials were placed in the location for a future bridge to be built by Boy Scout Russell Saur as part of his proposed Eagle Scout project. He will also blaze the trail and install signage, hopefully by fall.

M. Speltz returned.

<u>CIP</u>- Applications for the Capital Improvement Plan are due July 15. The LCC has requested \$1 million each year for the past several years. No potential land acquisition is currently before the LCC to be used as a direct rationale for funding, but since the overall Open Space plan is not complete and



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because an opportunity could arise at any time, the LCC decided to request \$1 million. In the worst-case scenario, if future economic conditions make it seem imprudent to ask for that amount, the LCC could always recommend to the Town Council that they not support the request.

G. Harrington made a motion to prepare an application to submit to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee for a \$1 million placeholder for the Open Space Plan. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

SB 381- Under the new law created this year by NH Senate bill 381, conservation commissions in NH are allowed to expend funds via a land trust or another "qualified organization" to either purchase land in their own towns or in other towns without having to retain any executory interest in the property. Each individual commission would need a warrant article passed in their towns to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b). If passed, a conservation commission would still need approval from their governing body (in Londonderry's case, the Town Council), to expend funds on projects outside of their town but would no longer need such permission for land purchased within their municipal boundaries.

The LCC has discussed this topic several times since the fall of 2008, mainly in pursuit of a way to modify the language to ensure that the Town Council would always retain the final approval of any land transaction. Town Counsel has stated that the language of the RSA cannot be changed. M. Speltz has therefore suggested the LCC research the legality of either adding language to their procedures or devising a letter of agreement with the Council. The consensus was to pursue either possibility, beginning with input from the LCC's Town Council Liaison. M. Speltz will update Commissioners at the next meeting.

<u>Sunnycrest monitoring reports</u>- The Natural Resources Conservation Service informed the LCC that monitoring reports going back several years for the Sunnycrest easements are missing from their records. D. Lievens contacted RCCD who owns the easements and who files annual reports with the LCC. She then relayed their response to NRCS that they should definitely have RCCD's reports in their files. Since NRCS has had a recent change in staff, it may be a simply oversight, but the LCC can supply copies from their files if NRCS cannot locate their own.

May 26, 2009 minutes- G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 public session as written. B. LaBrecque seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0

P. Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 non-public session as written. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

DRC (2)- 1) PSNH Scobie Pond Substation site plan, 13-110 No comments

PSNH Scobie Pond (4th Autotransformer), 13-111
Comments: Note on plan identifies Verizon as telephone provider; should identify FairPoint.

Gene Harrington made a motion to go into <u>Non-Public Session</u> for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition per RSA 91-A:3. Mike Speltz seconded.



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137	Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Mike
138	Considine; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Deb Lievens.
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140	G. Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. P. Nickerson seconded. The
141	motion was approved, 6-0-0.
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143	G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. P.
144	Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.
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146	D. Lievens entertained a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$60
147	from the line item budget to reimburse M. Considine for the purchase of bridging materials for
148	the Musquash Conservation Area. M. Speltz so moved. G. Harrington seconded. The motion
149	was approved, 5-0-1 with M. Considine abstaining.
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151	The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.
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156	Jaye Trottier
157	Secretary

