



Londonderry Conservation Commission
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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Ken Henault, Truda Bloom and Ben**
2 **LaBrecque**

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4 Call to order; 7:35 P.M.

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6 I-93- D. Lievens announced that M. Speltz would be absent as he was instead attending the public
7 hearing regarding the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the improvements
8 being made to I-93. She informed Commissioners that comments would be accepted through
9 September 28.

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11 K. Henault and B. LaBrecque arrived.

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13 Estey- D. Lievens stated that the closing on the Town's purchase of a 74-acre easement on lots 3-100,
14 3-161 and 3-161-2 took place earlier in the day.

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16 Mack- D. Lievens reported that the Town was awarded a grant from the Farm and Ranchland
17 Protection Program for the Mack property at map 10 lot 15. A new, more detailed appraisal will be
18 required, which may necessitate further negotiations with A. Mack, particularly if he chooses to
19 reserve any house lots on the property.

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21 Musquash/town trails- M. Considine clarified that the dates he mentioned at the last meeting for the
22 trails day in the Musquash should have been October 16 and 23, not September. The date has been set
23 by Londonderry Trailways for October 31 from 8am to 12pm. Portions of the yellow trail will be
24 rerouted to avoid flooded areas, maintenance will occur in the Overlook area and the connection to
25 Faucher Road of the new White Trail will be completed. D. Lievens will send an announcement to
26 londonderrynh.net and the information will be posted on the Town website as well.

27 At Old Home Days in August, Londonderry Trailways had advertised for volunteers willing to
28 become "ambassadors" to the major trail areas in Town. Those interested would keep track of
29 necessary improvements and then facilitate those efforts with other volunteers. M. Considine has
30 already filled that role for the Musquash and stated that a Londonderry Boy Scout troop led by Bob
31 Saur has offered to represent the Kendall Pond trail system. Ambassadors will still be sought for the
32 Adams Pond area and eventually for the Bockes Forest.

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34 Monitoring- D. Lievens reminded members that it is time for the annual monitoring of such easements
35 as Moose Hill Orchards and the Plummer property. Paul Nickerson is the chair of the LCC's easement
36 monitoring subcommittee, so D. Lievens will contact him regarding the matter.

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38 Land Use Change Tax- The recently adopted Capital Improvement Plan has deferred funding for the
39 Open Space Plan to 2014. Although the LCC can appeal for funding every year during the CIP
40 process and through warrants for bond articles at Town Meeting, D. Lievens reiterated the importance
41 of the LCC retaining monies collected via the Land Use Change Tax. With the finalization of the
42 Estey project and the potential for transactions such as the Mack property, existing open space funds
43 are very limited. The LCC acknowledged the importance of organizing and motivating supporters of
44 Open Space should a proposal arise to redirect those funds.

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46 EMS Club Day- Eastern Mountain Sports will have their annual Club Day event October 2 and 3. M.
47 Considine will represent the LCC as he has in the past.

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49 Musquash maps- D. Lievens asked M. Considine if more maps of the Musquash trails are needed. He
50 was unsure but D. Lievens noted that before ordering more, the new White Trail should first be added
51 to it.

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53 September 8, 2009 minutes-

54 M. Considine noted while discussing the upcoming Musquash trail day that he had
55 misidentified the potential dates as September 16 and 23 when he intended to say *October* 16 and 23
56 (see above).

57 **T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 public session**
58 **as written. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with G. Harrington**
59 **abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

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61 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- At the September 8 meeting, the LCC had voted to authorize D.
62 Lievens “to solicit bids from wetland scientists for the scope of work as proposed by DES” regarding
63 the wetland on map 6, parcel 113. The LCC was recently awarded grant money from the State’s
64 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund to develop a restoration plan for long-term improvements to the
65 site. Once that investigation is complete, the information can be used to reapply for further funding to
66 implement the plan.

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68 NHACC meeting- G. Harrington informed LCC members that the annual meeting of the NH
69 Association of Conservation Commissions will take place Saturday, November 7 at the Rundlett
70 School in Concord.

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72 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. T. Bloom seconded. The**
73 **motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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75 Respectfully submitted,

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78 Jaye Trottier
79 Secretary