



Londonderry Conservation Commission

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Ken Henault, Paul Nickerson, Truda**
2 **Bloom and Ben LaBrecque**

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

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6 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- The LCC was awarded \$20,000 in grant money from the State's
7 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund to develop a restoration plan for long-term improvements to the
8 wetland on map and lot 6-113. As authorized by the LCC in September, D. Lievens has been seeking
9 bids from wetland scientists for the scope of work proposed by DES. At the October 13 meeting, she
10 provided brief information regarding the three quotes she had received. Vanasse Hangen and Brustlin
11 gave an estimate of \$20,000 to develop a plan but have not since provided further details in writing.
12 The other two, Gove Environmental and Rockingham County Conservation District, both forwarded
13 particulars which the LCC reviewed at this meeting.

14 The RCCD's bid of \$22,800 includes an \$800 donation of in-kind services as well as a credit of
15 \$2,000 should the LCC choose to prepare the required conservation easement themselves. It would
16 still need to be determined who would hold the easement, whether it is the Department of
17 Environmental Services, RCCD or another similar organization. When the LCC first assessed the
18 specifics of RCCD's quote at the last meeting, they had asked D. Lievens to inquire as to whether that
19 estimate included DES' requirement of an "environmental impact site assessment." She has learned
20 from RCCD that such an assessment would only be required if the Town knew of any history
21 regarding hazardous materials on this site and/or if DES had a record of any such information, which
22 they do not.

23 The Gove Environmental bid was substantially less than RCCD's at \$13,000, although it did
24 not list the same specific inventory in the manner and was therefore difficult to compare. D. Lievens
25 suggested one difference in cost is the result of Gove being told by DES that they can complete the
26 project in the same manner they did on the Elliot Health Systems project (map and lot 6-31), meaning
27 they could use a set of "reduced requirements." It did not appear, however, that Gove had included
28 preparation of the conservation easement, letters to abutters or getting permission to access lands as
29 RCCD had.

30 Following further discussion, the LCC asked D. Lievens to pursue further explanation from
31 RCCD regarding their \$13,000 quote for the "Survey site; wetland delineation" portion of their
32 inventory. At the same time, she can also inquire as to whether RCCD has any knowledge of the
33 "reduced requirements" that DES may allow and how that could affect their bid. She will also follow
34 up with VHB one last time for specifics.

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36 Monitoring- P. Nickerson will perform the annual monitoring of the Moose Hill Orchard easements on
37 Thursday, October 29. T. Bloom and D. Lievens will attempt to join him.

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39 Hazard tree- While performing routine maintenance in one of their easements, a PSNH foreman
40 contacted the Town Offices seeking authorization for removal of a portion of an oak tree on the edge
41 of Mammoth Road as it was falling into their easement. Their location description placed it on the
42 Town's conservation easement on map and lot 6-52 (a/k/a the Walgreen's easement). M. Speltz gave
43 authorization to cut the tree when the situation was explained to him by Town staff. D. Lievens later
44 asked G. Harrington to verify the situation. He reported that there was a freshly cut oak stump in that
45 location.

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47 Alteration of Terrain permit- DES sent the Town notification that the Manchester-Boston Regional
48 Airport has applied for an Alteration of Terrain permit as part of their drainage improvements for
49 deicing fluid collection. Approximately 192,000 square feet of earth would be disturbed on map and
50 lots 28-14-0, 6, 7 and 8 and 28-23. Comments will only be accepted through November 3. G.
51 Harrington noted that while the Little Cohas Brook runs directly south of these lots, the intent of the
52 project is most likely to avoid deicing fluids entering the brook. B. LaBrecque volunteered to review
53 the plans on file with the Planning Department.

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55 Mack- The LCC was recently awarded matching grant funds from the Farm and Ranchland Protection
56 Program to be used towards the purchase of a conservation easement on map and lot 10-15. A signed
57 agreement between the LCC, FRPP and RCCD was delivered to the Town October 27, as well as a CD
58 of the various requirements and documents to be completed. D. Lievens will ask Mike Speltz to
59 review the information and advise the LCC accordingly.

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61 October 13, 2009 minutes-

62 **K. Henault made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 public session**
63 **as written. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 with M. Considine and T.**
64 **Bloom abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.**

65 Prior to the meeting, Mike Speltz had suggested changing the word “family” to “succession” on
66 line 18 of the October 13, 2009 non-public minutes. The consensus of the Board was to accept that
67 correction. **P. Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 non-**
68 **public session as amended. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 with the**
69 **same abstentions noted above.**

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71 Musquash/town trails- The trails day in the Musquash Conservation Area sponsored by Londonderry
72 Trailways will take place Saturday, October 31. M. Considine said the focus will be on the Yellow
73 Trail and will include placing plank bridges in some areas while rerouting others that are historically
74 wet. If possible, the Faucher Road trail will be worked on as well. He has already cleared the
75 overlook himself and the resulting debris will be removed on Saturday.

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77 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. P. Nickerson seconded. The**
78 **motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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80 Respectfully submitted,

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83 Jaye Trottier
84 Secretary