



## Londonderry Conservation Commission

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes

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**Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Speltz; Mike Considine; Ken Henault; Paul Nickerson; Truda Bloom and Brian Farmer, Town Council Liaison**

G. Harrington made a motion to open the scheduled public hearing at 7:37 P.M. according to RSA 91:A-2 regarding the purchase of map and lot 11-21, 14 Rear Teton Drive for conservation purposes. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

Elizabeth Sales had contacted the Town several months back with an interest in selling her land to the Town. Assessed at \$26,900, the LCC had made an offer of \$6,500, based on research and calculation that a fair per acre value of the steep, landlocked piece would be \$850 an acre. Mrs. Sales had accepted and was pleased that the land would be protected in its natural state.

K. Henault gave a slide show presentation of the seven and a half acre parcel. Not only is the property directly abutted by common land to the north and a conservation easement to the south, but with the recent purchase of map and lot 11-11 to the northwest, a corridor of protection along the vital natural resource of Watts Brook has been solidified. This will also safeguard the forest and ensure an effective wildlife passage along much of the western side of Londonderry. Pictures taken by K. Henault showcased examples of wildlife actively using the area for their habitat and the winding nature of the brook through the property. He noted the interesting topography, namely the very steep slopes, that the brook has created over time. M. Speltz added that the area is also a great resource of natural history because the changes in the brook's direction over thousands of years has carved the land into a classic example of floodplain development.

D. Lievens noted that additional costs will be incurred for the ensuing title search and title insurance. A Purchase and Sale agreement has been drafted and is due to be signed and returned very shortly by Mrs. Sales. It includes the reserved right of the LCC to perform a site walk once the snow has melted in order to perform their due diligence.

D. Lievens asked for any public input but no members of the general public outside of the members were present.

As there were no further comments or questions, **M. Speltz made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:46 PM. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

**G. Harrington made a motion that the LCC recommend to the Town Council that the Town proceed with the fee purchase of map and lot 11-21 for conservation purposes from Elizabeth Sales for \$6,500 plus associated closing costs from the Open Space Protection Fund. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved 7-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jaye A. Trottier  
Secretary