



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Byerly,
2 member; Mike Noone, member; Roger Fillio, member; Deb Lievens, member; Julie Christenson-Collins,
3 alternate member; Richard Floyd, alternate member; Mike Speltz, alternate member

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5 **Absent:** Ted Combes, Town Council member

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7 **Also present:** Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner, Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary
8 and Jocelyn Demas and Raymond Brown, applicants for Conservation Commission position

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10 Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

11 **David Ellis** - David Ellis told the Commission that there are incorrect, anecdotal stories that are floating
12 around regarding the history of cellar hole on the eastern end of Heron Trail. He said that he made three
13 new sheets with the correct facts and would like to put the new sheets out for the public and take the
14 old sheets away. He passed out the sheets for the Commission to review. He pointed out that the format
15 is the same and only the text has changed. He noted that he updated the acreage of the Musquash to
16 over 1,000 acres and that the second sheet has been totally reworded with a different explanation of
17 the cellar holes. A Kizak told D Ellis that she would email him the latest version of the map to be used as
18 the third sheet. M Speltz asked if the correction was regarding the family that was being associated at
19 that time at this location. D. Ellis explained that the tale that was floating around was from a set of five
20 books on the history of Londonderry, which were put together by interviews in the 1960's from elderly
21 people in town that claimed Clarissa Parker, the daughter of Edward Parker, married Ed Hardy; however,
22 she is five years older than her father. The Commission had no objection to D. Ellis replacing the sheets
23 with the correct information.

24 **Applicants:** Raymond Brown, introduced himself to the Commission stating he has lived here since 1992
25 and has attended Conservation meetings in the past, but had never applied to be on the Commission
26 until now. R Brown said that his business schedule with the Coast Guard did not allow him to have the
27 time to devote to the Commission until now. He stated that he is an avid fly fisherman at Scobie Pond
28 and teaches school age children about fishing at the Great Bay Estuary. He said that he is concerned
29 with all the development happening in Londonderry to keep/save the wetlands and forested area in
30 town. He noted that he is also on the Traffic and Safety committee in town.

31 **Email:** M Badois explained that the clock for the time stamp on the town's email is one hour difference
32 than the real time. A Kizak said she would let the IT Department know.

33 **Old Business**



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34 **Ranger Position:** M Badois informed the Commission that she and M Speltz met with Chief Hart and
35 have come up with a draft version of the job description. She said that Chief Hart thought the
36 Commission should do education regarding the position in the paper, newsletter and social media about
37 why the Commission needs a ranger and what types of things the ranger will be responsible for. M
38 Speltz said that he thinks someone from the Commission should be at the public hearing regarding the
39 warrant articles if the public has questions. M Speltz said that the town attorney has not responded to
40 his email regarding using the Conservation Fund for the position. He stated that M Badois sent the
41 Commission the proposed job description and would like the Commissioners to review it and get any
42 comments or edits back to him by the end of next week, as there will not be another meeting in
43 December. M Badois pointed out that the name of the position has changed to Conservation Land
44 Ranger Steward and asked if the name should match the warrant article. D Lievens asked if the name
45 could be Conservation Officer, as the person will be an officer in the police department. M Speltz said
46 that might cause confusion with the Fish & Game officers and noted that a Ranger on a national level
47 can make arrests and carry a weapon. M Noone asked if this was going to go before the town for a vote.
48 M Speltz said yes, it would be a warrant article for the residents to vote on. M Noone pointed out that
49 when he was monitoring a property last week, a resident stated the word ranger is a weird name. He
50 said that he would not want this position to get rejected by the residents based on a name and thought
51 Conservation Steward might be best. M Badois said that is why Chief Hart wants pre-education for the
52 residents before voting. M Speltz said that Chief Hart will want either Ranger or Officer in the
53 description. M Badois said that Chief Hart is hoping a retired or retiring police officer would apply, as
54 they would be the best candidate for the job. R Brown said he was confused about if the ranger would
55 be a law enforcement ranger or just a ranger. M Badois said that it would be a little of both with law
56 enforcement on Conservation property. M Speltz added that the person would have arrest powers and
57 can also monitor easements. He said that he would check with Laura Gandia and Chief Hart on the
58 name, stating he thought Land Steward would be an ideal name. M Byerly said that he would like
59 education to also focus on why the Conservation funds are being used to pay for this.

60 **Evergreen property:** M Badois informed the Commission that she has seen the resolution from the
61 town on this lot that was donated. M Speltz noted that the Town Council accepted, approved and signed
62 this at the last meeting. M Badois said when they were working on the deed there was a question about
63 any environmental concerns and they found an old dug up well that still had electrical lines going to it
64 on the property. She said the electrical lines have to be dug up, but the well can stay. M Byerly asked
65 where this specific property was. M Speltz pointed out on the map where the property was for the
66 Commission noting that this property helps create an important corridor for wildlife to move through.

67 **Water Study:** M Badois informed the Commission that she received the proposed contract from the
68 company. A Kizak noted that attorney Ramsdell has looked at it and had one comment. M Speltz asked if



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69 A Kizak could send out the contract for the Commission to review, as it is good practice to read through
70 contracts. A Kizak stated that she would like any comments about the contract by the end of the week
71 from the Commission to keep moving forward with the project.

72 **Annual Report:** M Badois updated the Commission on new information she put in the annual report.
73 She noted that approximately 35 maps are used each week, the trail counter indicates about 90 visits
74 per day or 2700 visits per month at Hickory Hill. D Lievens suggested that M Badois include the fact that
75 she sits on the Wetland Council in the report. A Kizak said that she has updated numbers regarding
76 DRCs. M Badois stated she would fix her edits and send the report to A Kizak.

77 **Kendall Pond:** M Noone informed the Commission that received a quote for the platform, which is 10
78 feet by twelve feet, for \$6,500. He noted that he is still waiting on the Department of Corrections quote
79 for the picnic tables and benches.

80 **Anonymous caller:** M Badois updated the Commission regarding an anonymous caller who stated
81 someone was putting a road into wooded wetlands on West Road, noting that New Hampshire
82 Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has sent a letter. She said the letter states that the
83 resident has fourteen days to reply, explain what they are doing and cease and desist.

84 **Charlie Moreno - Bunny Cut:** Charlie Moreno addressed the Commission stating he was here tonight to
85 update the Commission on the bunny cut. C Moreno said that there are two sections that Fish & Game
86 would like to accomplish by winter as they have funding until the end of March. He reviewed a map of
87 the Musquash with the Commission pointing out where NEC2 would be. He said that they refocused the
88 area to the north of the power lines for clearing and said the new parking area would go to the south of
89 the clearings. He noted that NEC2 is isolated from trails, as it is on a dead end with a wetland, and also
90 no residential areas are near it. He pointed out that there are some logistics they have to work out
91 before this can be done. He said they are working with Eversource to make sure they are all set with
92 their access, as the access is under power lines. He pointed out that Fish & Game would like to do
93 neighborhood outreach as well. M Byerly asked what neighborhoods. C Moreno said Hickory Hill. M
94 Byerly said he thinks Fish & Game should reach out to other neighborhoods as well as Hickory Hill. B
95 Maxwell asked if Fish & Game would consider using another route that Eversource used last year. C
96 Moreno reviewed the proposed route with the Commission. B Maxwell it appeared the logger could
97 take heavy trucks and equipment up the power lines and turn left, instead of cutting through the
98 wooded area. C Moreno said that route would not work out for this project logistically. B Maxwell said
99 that roughly 90 people use this trailhead a day. M Badois stated that the Commission will most likely
100 have to close the trailhead for a couple of weeks. M Noone suggested that when C Moreno knows the
101 dates of work, he should let the Commission know so the Commission can put it in the paper, on the
102 town website, etc. J Demas asked if pamphlets could be put out at the trailhead to let people know. M



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103 Badois said the pamphlet or sign could direct them to use Faucher Road. D Lievens suggested contacting
104 someone in the town office for posting on the electronic sign outside the police station, Facebook, etc. C
105 Moreno said he believed NEC2 would happen in January or February. G Harrington asked if Musquash
106 Field Day had a date set yet. M Badois did not know. C Moreno explained that he prepared a logging
107 contract for NEC2 and that Fish & Game have made it clear that they do not want to pay for the access
108 improvement, as it will become a parking lot for the town. He said that the estimated cost to lay out the
109 parking area, stump it, grade it and move rocks is \$3,500. R Fillio stated that he thought that was a very
110 reasonable price. M Badois asked if the money would be taken out of the timber. C Moreno stated it
111 would, but he did not have the timber estimate here tonight. M Speltz said that there needs to be a
112 conversation with Eversource, so Eversource understands that the access under the power line will
113 eventually become navigable by a sedan, and if Eversource will not allow this, than the project needs to
114 be reevaluated. He said that he would like C Moreno to lead with Eversource and report back to the
115 Commission. C Moreno said that there will need to be a meeting with Eversource regarding this project
116 and would like someone from the Commission to be there as well.

117 C Moreno moved on to talk about NEC3 with the Commission. He reviewed NEC3 with the Commission
118 on the map noting it includes three openings and roughly 10 acres. He pointed out the access on the
119 map and told the Commission he has already spoken to Continental Paving about this. He noted there is
120 a road under the power lines, which Granite Ridge owns and the Town holds the easement. He said that
121 the road to get into NEC3 is not ideal, but a good start, and the estimated cost would be \$4,000. He
122 stated that Fish & Game is willing to pay for part of this project and would like the town to share the
123 cost, as the town is getting money for timber. M Byerly said he is worried about the landing area
124 opening up a very inviting spot for people to take ATVs in. M Badois asked if there was place for a gate.
125 C Moreno said that the Commission might be able to block this off with logs or rocks. M Speltz made a
126 counter offer to Fish & Game asking if the Commission and Fish & Game could split the cost of the two
127 landings, as both the town and Fish & Game are benefiting from these projects. C Moreno said he would
128 present that counter offer to Fish & Game if the Commission agreed. The Commission agreed. C Moreno
129 said that he met with Fish & Game last week and they would like to do NEC3 first as it is more
130 straightforward. He said that Fish & Game sent notices out to Sara Beth. He noted that Fish & Game
131 spoke to Granite Ridge and they are okay with us going under the power lines. He said it would be
132 favorable to do a light thinning while doing this project, and he would mark the trees to control what is
133 cut. M Byerly asked C Moreno what trails would need to be closed. C Moreno said the White, Blue,
134 Ravine and Alexander Trail would have to be closed. He said that he brought the logging contract, noting
135 Scott Sweet has signed it. He stated that he wrote up a forestry contract for his work on the thinning
136 costs as this would not be covered by Fish & Game. He said that all the money from timber would go to
137 the town. D Lievens stated that any money from this project should go to the Conservation Fund and not
138 the Open Space Fund. M Badois gave C Moreno the account number for the correct fund. C Moreno



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139 reviewed with the Commission that the contracts need to be signed by the town, the intent to cut would
140 be forwarded to the assessor and that the wetland permits need to be signed by the town. M Speltz
141 reminded C Moreno that he had proposed splitting the cost with Eversource.

142 **New Business**

143 **No meeting December 25, 2018:** The Commissioners agreed not to hold a meeting on December 25,
144 2018. G Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair, if something should arise that needs to be
145 responded to before the Commission's next meeting on January 8, 2018, to appoint a sub-committee of
146 three members to act on it. R Fillio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

147 **Camera:** M Badois passed around the bank statements for the Commission to review. She said that
148 there was \$784 left in the Line item until July 1, 2019. M Noone said that the Commission had voted on
149 \$9,000 for all of Kendall Pond improvements, so they could use \$500 for a second camera out of that
150 money. M Noone made a motion to include a camera in the previous motion of \$9,000 to Kendall Pond
151 improvement area. R Fillio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

152 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes from November 27, 2018. M Byerly made a
153 motion to accept the minutes as amended. G Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0-
154 1, with R Fillio abstaining.

155 **Applicants:** M Byerly made a motion to recommend Raymond Brown for alternate member to the
156 Conservation Commission. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

157 **DRC**

158 **Boone Subdivision (Map 3 Lot 25-2):** The Commissioners reviewed the DRC for the Boone subdivision
159 with no comments.

160 **Adjournment:** R Fillio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. M Byerly seconded the
161 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

162 Respectfully Submitted,
163 Beth Morrison
164 Recording Secretary