



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Minutes

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

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

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7 **Also present:** Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

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

10 **Old Business**

11 **Procedures:** M Byerly asked the Commission if all the members should read the draft procedures before
12 voting on them. The Commissioners agreed. He asked the Commissioners about if a member has a
13 conflict of interest with an agenda item, should they contact the town attorney. M Speltz stated that it
14 should be up to the member to recuse themselves. G Harrington stated that if a member did recuse
15 himself or herself, the chair would appoint an alternate to vote in that member's place. M Byerly stated
16 that he would incorporate edits, send the draft minutes out in email and the Commissioners would vote
17 on them at the next meeting.

18 **Donation to Trailways:** M Badois informed the Commission that Sandy Lagueux had sent her out a
19 reminder email regarding the request for a \$200,000 donation. D Lievens stated that the last donation
20 was for \$100,000 and asked what the percentage was of the total cost of the project. M Badois noted
21 that she did not have the exact amount, but thought it was less than half. D Lievens stated that she
22 supports the project, as this is a project that helps get people outside. J Collins-Christenson agreed and
23 stated that it opens up access to people that cannot get on the trails. M Speltz asked how much money
24 is in the Conservation Fund. M Badois stated that there was about \$2.1 million. R Fillio asked if they
25 would come back and ask for more money for each phase. D Lievens stated it could be possible. M
26 Badois pointed out that there is conservation land on either side of the trail. R Fillio noted that he
27 thought there should be more participation from the town residents, but he would be for contributing
28 money towards the project. M Speltz pointed out that there could be potential projects for the
29 Commission that need the money in the fund and stated that Trailways did not help with raising money
30 for Doyle and Mathes properties. He followed up stating he felt it was important for them to know this
31 is a two way street. M Badois agreed and voiced her frustration at the inability to communicate with
32 them and get responses. D Lievens stated that they should hear these concerns. M Byerly voiced his
33 opinion that he thought the fund should be used for property that might come available to the
34 Commission. B Maxwell stated that he thought they should work together with Trailways. G Harrington
35 made a motion for the chair to spend \$100,000 to donate to Trailways towards phase 5. D Lievens
36 seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-1-0.



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37 **Town Council Presentation regarding Kendall Pond:** M Badois informed the Commission that they will
38 be on the December 4, 2017, meeting agenda listed in the new business section, not public comment.
39 She stated she would send a letter to the abutters informing them of the meeting. M Noone stated he
40 would let the police know about the meeting so they can be there to answer any questions. B Maxwell
41 noted that when he was clearing brush he found graffiti, but was unsure how old it was, and was
42 wondering if the town would be involved in cleaning up. M Speltz stated that would be a question for
43 Kevin Smith, Town Manager, at the meeting.

44 **Monitoring:** J Collins-Christenson stated the Adams Pond trailhead was flooded and someone had laid a
45 board down, but you still could not cross. M Noone noted that he let the property manager know. He
46 informed the Commission that all four parcels at Moose Hill are finished and noted the Plummer
47 property still needed to be done. He contacted Doug Johnson who stated that Saturday, November 25th
48 would be the best day. He asked for volunteers for this. J Collins-Christenson, R Fillio and M Badois
49 volunteered. M Noone stated he would send an email and find out about parking.

50 **Expiring Positions:** M Badois asked if everyone had seen the post. She stated that Kirby informed her
51 that any applications that are received will be seen by the Commission. She told the Commission that
52 the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNPC) has 3 alternate positions available and the
53 deadline to apply is November 22, 2017.

54 **Articles:** M Speltz stated he asked about using the name "Conservation Matters" and has had no
55 response as of yet. He noted that he has the first article done and asked who he should send it to. D
56 Lievens explained that she is waiting for the format from Paul and would let M Speltz know.

57 **Hydrologic reports from Continental Paving:** M Speltz stated that there were no significant changes,
58 although some indicators are going downhill, but not anything to take action on. He noted that because
59 of the past dry summers it is not conclusive if the water level is down because of the gravel or the
60 weather.

61 **New Business:**

62 **Trail Walk - David Ellis:** M Badois stated that it was not broadcast for last Saturday and asked the group
63 if it should wait until the spring. D Lievens stated she thought it was a good enough topic to wait until
64 the spring. M Speltz suggested a pumpkin oriented walk for Thanksgiving time.

65 M Badois stated that Charlie and the logger came to walk the land last week and decided that staging in
66 M Badois's backyard is the best access for them and easier than crossing Watts Brook. M Speltz
67 suggested doing before and after pictures for the bunny cut. M Badois informed the Commission that



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68 Charlie is scheduled to come to the next meeting, along with someone else from Fish and Game, to talk
69 about Cooper and Musquash. M Byerly suggested a walk for the day after Thanksgiving.

70 **Expense Trail Sign:** R Fillio made a motion to reimburse the Chair in the amount of \$96.52 for the metal
71 signs from the line item budget. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0. M Badois
72 made a motion to reimburse M Noone \$86.08 from the line item budget. R Fillio seconded the motion.
73 The motion passed, 7-0-0.

74 **Expense Ingersoll invoice:** G Harrington made a motion to pay Rockingham County Conservation
75 District \$650.00 from the Conservation Fund. R Fillio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

76 **Expense appraisal:** G Harrington made a motion to pay for the appraisal of parcel off Griffin Road
77 payable to McManus et al in the amount of \$2400.00 from the Conservation Fund. M Noone seconded
78 the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

79 **Warrant article:** M Badois informed the Commission that Peter Curro wrote a warrant article for 5
80 million dollars to go into the Conservation fund to be used to preserve land and is looking for the
81 support of the Commission. M Speltz stated that there might be two issues with the warrant, with the
82 first being no funding source cited in his warrant article. He stated that he is afraid that the voters will
83 change the language to the line item budget in the deliberative sessions and it will become a non-
84 starter. He noted the second issue to be some concern about open space land rather than a specific
85 property. He stated that he looked at the statute and it is not clear there either and he sent to Peter and
86 K Smith a list of 15 towns that have done exactly what Peter is proposing. He concluded that he does not
87 have an answer to either of the issues at this time. M Speltz suggested going on record supporting the
88 citizens petition to raise 5 million dollars to be added to the Conservation Fund. M Byerly asked where
89 the number of 5 million dollars came from, as he thought that was an ambitious amount to ask for. M
90 Speltz stated that something to keep in mind with bonding authority is that the bond is floated until the
91 money is needed and gave the example of exit 4A. He stated in his opinion, a smaller figure would have
92 a better chance of success. M Byerly asked if Peter was using this warrant as a way to keep land from
93 being developed. M Badois stated that was exactly his intention. M Speltz noted that assuming this
94 would be a citizen's petition, it cannot be amended once it is written. D Lievens asked if Peter would be
95 willing to do the warrant for a smaller number. M Badois stated that Peter has not gotten signatures yet
96 for this. M Speltz pointed out that the Commission could express support for the concept of creating
97 bonding authority for the open space fund. He stated that rather than a formal vote, have M Badois talk
98 with him about the fact that the Commission is very supportive of promoting the concept, but not the
99 monetary amount.



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100 **Master Plan Implementation Committee:** M Badois stated that the Town is reinstating this committee.
101 M Speltz noted that he is on this committee, but would be happy to step aside if someone else is
102 interested. M Byerly asked if there was a job description for this committee available. M Speltz
103 explained that this committee was created almost against the will of the Planning Board because some
104 people felt there needed to be a separate body in charge of implementation, as the Planning Board has
105 so much day-to-day planning, it might be hard to think long term. He noted that the Planning Board gave
106 this committee a new charter, which was to work on trails and walkways, but eventually the committee
107 fell into disuse. M Badois commented that this has come up now because of the growth management
108 meetings that were held. M Speltz stated that Amy Kizak will be heading this committee now. M Speltz
109 stated he would be willing to continue to serve on this committee and would like another member to go
110 shadow a meeting with the understanding that member will take over in the future.

111 **Wetland Permit application - 7 Litchfield Road:** The Commission reviewed the plans for the wetland
112 permit for 7 Litchfield Road. The Commissioners recommended that the developer make every effort to
113 do work on low flow conditions to decrease sediment into the Cohas Brook.

114 **Lymo Construction - Revised plans:** The Commissioners reviewed the revised plans for Lymo
115 construction with no comments.

116 **Adams Road - DRC:** The Commissioners reviewed the plans for Adams Road. The Commissioners
117 commented that the plan should include a legend.

118 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes from October 24, 2017. G Harrington made a
119 motion to accept the minutes as presented. R Fillio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

120 The Commissioners went over the non-public minutes from September 26, 2017. M Byerly made a
121 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-2,
122 with G Harrington and D Lievens abstaining.

123 **Non-Public Session**

124 D Lievens made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of discussing a
125 matter related to property acquisition. The motion was seconded by G Harrington. The motion was
126 passed by M Badois, D Lievens, G Harrington, M Byerly, M Noone, B Maxwell, M Speltz and J
127 Christenson-Collins with a unanimous roll call vote. G Harrington made a motion to leave non-public
128 session and to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely per RSA 91-A:3. M Noone
129 seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.



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130 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. D Lievens seconded
131 the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

132 Respectfully Submitted,
133 Beth Morrison
134 Recording Secretary