



Londonderry Conservation Commission

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016

Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Deb Lievens, Member; Roger Fillio, Member; Mike Noone, Member;
2 Jamie Mantini, Member; Mike Speltz, Alternate Member; and Casey Wolfe, Recording Secretary

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4 **Absent:** Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Mike Byerly, Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member;
5 Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate Member

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7 Chair Badois called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. She appointed Mike Speltz to vote on the behalf of
8 Mike Byerly.

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10 **Old Business**

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12 **Monitoring:** M Noone and M Speltz re-monitored the Plummer Property. M Noone will write up the
13 report. There were two encroachments that need to be addressed. One encroachment (also noted from
14 last year) was an abutter who has placed a door and yard debris into the conservation area. The other
15 encroachment (an encroachment that existed last year) involved an abutter who was thought to have
16 placed his fence in the conservation area. We confirmed that he did not, but found that he is dumping
17 grass clippings on the property. Letters will be sent for both of these encroachments. While monitoring
18 we found that an owner of an abutting property destroyed the landmark monuments and has been
19 maintaining turf on the access area to the conservation easement. This area is Town property. M Speltz
20 has contacted Colleen who has then reached out to Richard Canuel. M Speltz felt that at minimum the
21 Town should write a letter to prevent adverse possession. .

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23 D Lievens brought up a letter form that OEP has noting that a specific format had to be used for the
24 monitoring report – M Noone commented that the Commission did not use this format last year. The
25 Commission still needs to do the monitoring report for Mack’s this year.

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27 **Newsletter & Public Walk:** M Byerly was not present at this meeting to go over this.

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29 **Water Extraction:** An Ordinance against water extraction for commercial purposes was passed last
30 night; however, this Ordinance is only temporary and will only be in effect during the drought. The Town
31 has mailed out letters to local landscapers informing them that it would be considered theft if they take
32 water for commercial use while this Ordinance is in place. M Speltz felt that it should be a permanent
33 Town Ordinance so that landscapers need a letter of permission to take water from Town ponds. When
34 there is a drought, they don’t get their permits. M Speltz also felt that the language from DES needs to
35 be incorporated into the Ordinance when it is rewritten in May.

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37 **Logo:** M Noone showed the Commission the fifth round of changes that were made to the logo. This
38 new logo will be on a sign on the rail trail. D Lievens made a motion to accept the logo as presented. M
39 Noone seconded that motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.



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41 **Correspondence**

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43 **Land steward position:** M Badois learned from Kevin Smith that the Town is not inclined to find a land
44 steward position at this time. There was a discussion about RSA's concerning what the Open
45 Space/Conservation Fund can be used for. There was also some discussion about the possibility of hiring
46 a college intern to do the work.

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48 **Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge:** This new refuge just got approved this past October. They are
49 looking for willing sellers to sell them easements or land in Londonderry. M Badois wanted to know if
50 the Commission should suggest properties to them that they should pursue. This would be beneficial to
51 the Town because land would get put into conservation without the Town paying for it.

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53 **DOT Letter:** The Commission got a letter from DOT informing them that the DOT is going to be working
54 on some culverts, fencing, and guardrails along rt. 102. DOT wants to know if the Commission is
55 concerned about any sensitive areas. There was some discussion about some specific culverts. It would
56 be best for DOT to come down to have a conversation with the Commission.

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58 **NHACC Annual Conference Panel:** M Badois was asked to participate in a panel for the NHACC annual
59 conference this month. M Badois read some of the questions that she is expected to answer the day of
60 the conference concerning working with a Town Forester. Commission members helped her prepare to
61 answer these questions. Town Foresters can plan the cut – they know which trees to pull out to
62 minimize the impact. A good forester will prevent you from making mistakes and arrange a cut in a way
63 that protects the habitat and protects water. There should be good communication between the
64 Conservation Commission and the Town Forester.

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66 **Minutes:** The Commission went through some corrections that need to be made. D Lievens made a
67 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Speltz seconded that motion. The motion passed 3-0-3
68 with J Mantini, R Fillio, and M Noone abstaining.

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70 **DRC**

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72 **Victory Baptist Church:** The Commission looked at the plans for the Victory Baptist Church Subdivision.
73 There was a question if the line marking the septic setback really should be for the Conservation Overlay
74 District on page three. They noted that there is no wetland scientist stamp on the plans. The
75 Commission recommends that Conservation District signs are put on the property.

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77 **Other Business**

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79 **NHACC Annual Conference:** There was a brief discussion about carpooling to the conference.

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81 **Solar Up:** M Speltz is hosting an open house for Solar Up this Sunday from 1:00 and 3:00 PM.

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83 **Adjournment:** D Lievens made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 PM and M Speltz seconded the motion. The
84 motion was granted, 6-0-0.

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86 Respectfully Submitted,

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89 Casey Wolfe

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