

## Londonderry Conservation Commission Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Minutes

**Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, Member; Mike Byerly, Member; Roger Fillio, Member; Mike Noone, Member; Jamie Mantini, Member; Casey Wolfe, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Mike Speltz, Alternate Member; Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member, Julie Christenson-Collins, Alternate Member

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

#### **New Business**

Crown Castle: Mr. John Weaver presented to the Commission representing Crown Castle, a company that operates towers for wireless carriers. They currently operate a tower in town on Independence Drive, however, the lease is up and they are looking for a new location. Crown Castle has reached out to the owner of 1 Liberty Drive as a place to relocate the tower. Since the proposed site for the tower on this property is in the conservation overlay district, they are looking for some preliminary discussion with the Conservation Commission before applying for a variance. J Mantini felt that he would want to look at the site in person – it is an area very active with wildlife. G Harrington asked about the proposed tree-line. He felt uncomfortable that vegetation would be removed up to the edge of the wetland. The vegetation around the wetland is supposed to act as a natural filter. D Lievens voiced that she is opposed to the project in the proposed location. She felt that the property already surpasses what the property can do. J Weaver left at 7:51 pm planning to make some amendments to the design.

Exit 4A: The Commission did not discuss this topic due to the absence of M Speltz.

M Badois made an announcement that some contractors are working on the bandstand.

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**Woodmont Commons:** D Lievens recused herself from this discussion. The Commission looked over the plans for Woodmont Commons so that they could submit their comments to the Design Review Committee. Some changes had been made to the plans; Buildings 9C, 9B, and 1A.01 have been removed. M Speltz (not present) had previously made the comment that the new amount of impervious area should be no greater than what was originally proposed. M Badois submitted DRC comments which are attached as Exhibit A.

#### **Old Business**

**Plummer Forestry Plan:** The Commission looked over a Forestry Plan that Kit Plummer submitted to the Commission. K Plummer is looking to grow more Christmas Trees on his property and he wants to thin out non-maple trees on his property so more maple trees can grow. D Lievens made a motion to approve the forestry plan. G Harrington seconded that motion with all in favor. The motion was granted



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**Logo:** M Noone informed the Commission that the designer will make the requested changes to the logo.

**Monitoring:** There was some discussion about the Plummer property. D Lievens proposed that the Commission could use a GPS to find the pins. There was then some discussion about the Commission buying a new GPS. D Lievens will do more research on the topic. There was also some discussion about the Cooper property and the property on Gilcreast road. Additionally, some encroachment letters and observation letters were sent out this week concerning the Granite Ridge property.

Newsletter: M Badois announced that the newsletter came out.

**Timber Cut:** M Badois told the Commission that Charlie is all set and that he should have started this week. The Town did not waive the Timber Tax.

**Drought:** A water ban has been passed in town. The police have talked to the hydroseeder companies. M Badois still wants an ordinance passed banning water-taking.

**CIP:** There was some discussion about the proposed Outdoor Recreation Enhancement. M Badois wanted to be realistic about what they propose to the CIP Committee. D Lievens recommended proposing just the North Loop and the South Trail. This is going to be presented to the Committee tomorrow night. M Byerly will put together a one page narrative description for the Committee and M Badois will do the presentation. There was some discussion about the cost estimates for the project. The total estimate is about \$450,000. D. Lievens felt that the Commission should seek a more descriptive estimate and confirmation on the \$30,000 wetland permitting cost.

**Budget:** A narrative for the budget is due by October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. M Badois mentioned some changes she wants to make to the narrative. There was some discussion about monitoring and what properties the Commission pays to get monitored. M Byerly felt that there should be more funds for training available.

### **New Business**

**Announcements:** The last day for early sign-up is this Friday for the NHACC annual conference. Also, Eversource is having an open house for the Merrimack Reliability Project on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, Southern NH Planning Commission is hosting a home energy workshop on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Finally, there is a workshop called "Learn the Skills to be a Volunteer Outing Leader" on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

NHACC Dues: Dues Tabled to next meeting.

**Permit for pest management:** There was a very brief discussion on this topic. The Board stated that it received a copy of the permit for Lot 6-113.



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85 86 Stantec invoice: D Lievens made a motion to pay the Stantec bill of \$5,031.14 from the Open Space 87 Protection Fund. M Byerly seconded that motion with all in favor. The motion passed 7-0-0. 88 89 Minutes: M Byerly made a motion to accept the minutes. R Fillio seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1. 90 91 Adjournment: M Noone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. D Lievens seconded with all 92 in favor. 93 94 95 Respectfully Submitted, 96 97 98 99 Casey Wolfe 100 **Recording Secretary**