

Londonderry Conservation Commission Tuesday, September 22, 2015 Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair

Gene Harrington, Vice Chair Mike Noone, Member

Roger Fillio, Alternate Member

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Not Present: Deb Lievens, Member; Mike Considine, Member;

Mike Speltz, Alternate Member; Paul Nickerson, Member;

Margaret Harrington, Alternate Member

Open Position - to be filled

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M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. She appointed R. Fillio to vote for D. Lievens.

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Staff will work to reschedule:

<u>30 Sanborn Road</u> - Proposed Senior Affordable Housing; Steven Lewis, Inc., Map 15 Lot 83-2, Zoned R-III <u>Kinder Morgan</u> - Mitigation Discussion with Allen Fore, VP of Public Affairs

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Design Review Committee (DRC):

- Wine House - Bistro Site Plan (Map 6 Lot 37) - No comments.

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Monitoring:

- M. Badois asked members to bring any outstanding reports to the office.
- M. Badois stated that the Plummer and Mack's reports need to be completed within the next month. Members will work directly with her to schedule.

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Old Business:

- <u>Beavers (Faucher Road)</u> - Before a trapper is hired, M. Badois will check the bank balances for funding. She stated that the last trapper was paid \$375.

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- <u>Target Shooting (Musquash)</u> - In M. Considine's absence, G. Harrington stated that restrictions have been implemented.

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- <u>Turtle Signs (Hall/South Roads)</u> - M. Badois will re-connect with Janusz Czyzowski on this matter.

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- Memorandum of Understanding (between New Hampshire Fish & Game and the Town) - M. Badois stated that the Town Council approved the MOU. G. Harrington stated the MOU will be renewed every three (3) years.

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- <u>Eversource (Merrimack Valley Reliability Project)</u> - M. Badois stated she received paperwork from the State about approval for this project in Londonderry. For our new members, G. Harrington added that there are actually three different Eversource projects in Londonderry awaiting various State approvals.

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Town Forest (Kent Allen – Map of Proposed Clean Up – Attachment #1) - K. Allen provided a letter to the Commission with regards to his clean up intentions (Attachment #2). M. Speltz drafted a proposed



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list of guidelines that would set up parameters to govern a limited clearing of the forest floor in the Town Forest in the area between Pillsbury Road and the walking trail that parallels the road between the town common and the orchard which K. Allen and his volunteers would need to follow as part of his clean up, but he was not able to attend this meeting (Attachment #3). In M. Speltz's absence, G. Harrington spoke to M. Speltz proposed guidelines. G. Harrington stated to K. Allen that he felt this project was:

- Ten (10) percent of the total Town Forest;
- That the woody debris and organic matter from that eco-system should be stacked and not removed from the cleanup area;
- That he wasn't in agreement with smaller vegetation being disturbed;
- That further clarification needed to be determined on what equipment could be used during the cleanup.

K. Allen was in agreement with a few of the proposed guidelines, but he was not in agreement with leaving piles of debris, and he expressed his fire hazard concern. He thanked the Commission for their time, but stated that ten (10) percent of the area that G. Harrington had proposed would not be worth the cleanup effort. He asked members to consider touring some of his other clean up areas to get a better sense of how he works.

R. Fillio stated he felt that the piles of debris should be cleaned up and removed.

Some of the Commissioners agreed to disagree. M. Badois stated that there continues to be an issue with transferring of responsibility of the management of the forest, and also whether or not part of it should become a park.

- **Redacted Files** G. Harrington stated that they were being reviewed annually. M. Badois stated review should be reviewed soon.
- Kendall Pond Property (Trees) M. Noone stated people are nailing signs to trees. G. Harrington stated
 the Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Canuel is the only person legally in Town to remove those signs.
 On behalf of the Commission, M. Noone will contact R. Canuel directly.

New Business:

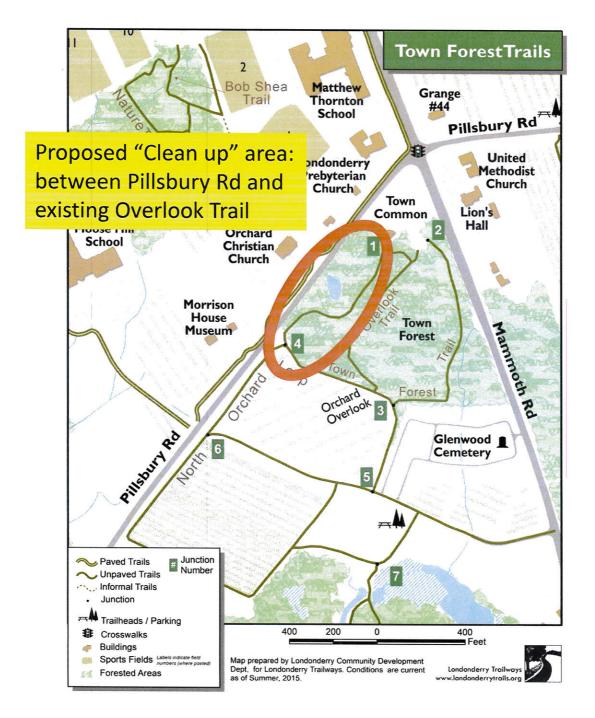
- Per M. Badois, the Town Manager received an e-mail from an Eagle Scout looking for projects. She will forward the Scout's information on to M. Speltz.
- G. Harrington and M. Badois explained to M. Noone and R. Fillio that Commissioners belong to the New Hampshire Conservation Commission. They recommended that both new members register at NHACC.org to attend this year's yearly meeting on Saturday, November 7th at Pembroke Academy.
- Survey Stakes (Musquash) M. Badois will connect with M. Speltz to see if he knows who placed the stakes.

<u>August 25, 2015 - Public Minutes</u>: G. Harrington made a motion to approve the August 25, 2015 minutes as amended. R. Fillio seconded. The motion was approved, 4-0-0.



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86 August 25, 2015 - Non-Public Minutes: G. Harrington made a motion to approve and seal the minutes of the 87 Non-Public Session indefinitely. R. Fillio seconded. The motion was approved, 4-0-0. 88 89 G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn. R. Fillio seconded. The motion was approved, 4-0-0. 90 91 The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. 92 93 Respectfully submitted by 94 95 Nicole Doolan, Planning & Economic Development Department Secretary 96



To Marge Badois Conservation Commission 8-26-15

to the Commission last evening.

As requested by Mitte Speltz, I writing my intentions to pick-up and remove down trees and brush in the area outlined on the attached map

Thank you again,

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Town Forest Improvement Guidelines

<u>Purpose:</u>

The following guidelines are intended to set parameters governing a limited clearing of the forest floor in the Town Forest in the area between Pillsbury Road and the walking trail that parallels the road between the town common and the orchard. The goal is to improve visibility and accessibility within this portion of the forest for recreational users, while not significantly degrading the ecosystem services provided by the forest.

Applicability:

These guidelines apply only to the above described area, unless the Conservation Commission authorizes additional areas. These guidelines are interim in nature and intended to apply until such time as the Town of Londonderry Town Council provides more permanent guidance on the long term management and goals for the Town Forest.

Guidelines:

- 1. No living plant material nor duff (decaying plant material) shall be removed nor, to the extent reasonably practical, shall be disturbed during the clearing operation.
- 2. Woody debris may be cleared from the forest floor and stacked in one or more piles, not to exceed three feet in height or ten feet in diameter; these piles shall remain in the area defined above or placed in more remote areas of the Town Forest.
- 3. There shall be no clearing within 50 feet of the frog pond.
- 4. Large coarse woody debris (fallen tree trunks) with average diameters exceeding eight inches shall remain in their present positions, however such debris can be delimbed and the limbs treated as in guideline 2, above.
- 5. No mechanized equipment shall be used to conduct the clearing, unless necessary to concentrate piles of debris in accordance with guideline 2, above.

These guidelines were approved by	the Londonderry Conservation Commission on
, 2015	