



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Minutes

1 Present: Gene Harrington; Mike Considine Paul Nickerson; Ben LaBrecque; Marge Badois; and
2 Mike Speltz, alternate

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4 G. Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He appointed M. Speltz to vote for Deb
5 Lievens.

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7 **February 25, 2014 minutes- M. Speltz made a motion to approve the minutes of the**
8 **February 25, 2014 public session as written. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was**
9 **approved, 4-0-1** with B. LaBrecque abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.

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11 M. Considine arrived at 7:34.

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13 Musquash; fundraiser use request by Destination Imagination- A Londonderry Destination
14 Imagination (DI) team attended the February 25 Commission meeting to request the use of
15 the Musquash Conservation Area for an Airsoft War as a fundraiser for cancer research (see
16 February 25, 2014 minutes). Commissioners had specific questions, including some about the
17 materials used in Airsoft Wars and liability issues, and had suggested that the Town Forest
18 would be better suited for the event. The team indicated they would investigate both the
19 questions and suggestion and return to the Commission. No team members were present at
20 this meeting and M. Considine, who had acted as a point of contact prior to the February 25
21 meeting, said he had not heard from any of the team members.

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23 Fed Ex Ground Facility site plan- M. Speltz reported that he attended the March 5, 2014
24 Planning Board meeting where a public hearing was held regarding the review of this site plan
25 which was presented to the Commission on January 14 (see January 14 minutes). He explained
26 that based on a study prepared by a wildlife biologist for the applicant's Alteration of Terrain
27 (AoT) permit application, NH Fish and Game (F&G) made the Commission aware of
28 correspondence with the Town expressing concern for possible endangered species believed to
29 be on that property as well as abutting properties. While the applicant's wildlife biologist did
30 not believe any of the endangered species exist on the future Fed Ex site, F&G has not yet
31 agreed with that assessment. Along with their correspondence, F&G also made known a 2009
32 agreement which was made a condition of the Town's Pettengill Road AoT permit, whereby a
33 wildlife survey in the subject area would be performed by the Town prior to any excavation for
34 the road because of the aforementioned endangered species. This report was not forwarded
35 to the applicant or the Commission, however, until just days before the Planning Board's public
36 hearing. M. Speltz spoke during the public comment portion of the hearing to make the Board
37 aware of F&G's concerns and relay the intent of the State's agreement with the Town, which
38 he said is to establish what areas need to be preserved from development in order to protect
39 the endangered species' habitat. (This area of protection would be in addition to a 250-foot



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40 wildlife corridor already established in the area). He asked if the Board would use their
41 authority to request that the applicant perform a wildlife study of the proposed lot, albeit one
42 that would not unduly delay the applicant's construction schedule. The Board and Town staff,
43 he said, did not agree that the 2009 agreement and the Fed Ex Ground site plan were related
44 and the Board declined to request a wildlife study. F&G must still coordinate with the
45 Department of Environmental Services in order to approve the Fed Ex Ground AoT permit,
46 therefore some requirement may still be made of the applicant as a condition of that permit.

47 M. Speltz also reported that in response to the Commission's request in their Design
48 Review Committee comments for the use of pervious pavement in the employee parking lot,
49 he was told that the applicant prefers not to use pervious pavement as it is too costly to
50 maintain. He also asked during the public hearing if solar panels could be employed since the
51 roof of the facility is over 300,000 square feet. He said he did not receive any real positive
52 interest in the idea.

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54 G. Harrington entertained new business items. There were none.

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56 **P. Nickerson made motion to adjourn the meeting. B. LaBrecque seconded. The motion was**
57 **approved, 6-0-0.**

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59 The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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61 Respectfully submitted,

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65 Jaye Trottier

66 Associate Planner