



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, November 26, 2013  
Minutes

1 Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Considine; Truda Bloom; Marge Badois; Mike  
2 Speltz, alternate; and Kellie Walsh, alternate.

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for Paul  
5 Nickerson and K. Walsh to vote for Ben LaBrecque.

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7 Faucher Road Beaver dam- G. Harrington reported at the November 12 meeting that he verified  
8 a report by a resident near Faucher Road that a beaver dam at the end of that road was causing  
9 flooding. D. Lievens stated that with the potential for winter weather setting in, she made the  
10 executive decision to hire a specialist who has worked for the Town previously with the  
11 removal of beavers. The result was that three adult and two juvenile beavers were removed,  
12 allowing G. Harrington and M. Speltz to manually disassemble the dam which they have  
13 continued doing over the course of several days. G. Harrington stated that at one point, the  
14 water had dropped 18 inches and added that it continues to drain. The two will continue to  
15 work on the dam and encouraged other Commissioners to assist if they are in the area. **G.**  
16 **Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair expend an amount not to exceed \$575 from**  
17 **the line item budget to pay for the removal of the beavers from the dam at the end of**  
18 **Faucher Road. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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20 Musquash Trail Day- M. Considine announced that a Musquash trail day will take place on  
21 November 30 for bridge building and trail maintenance in the Musquash Conservation Area.  
22 He said he expects to spend approximately \$500 on bridging supplies. **M. Speltz made a**  
23 **motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$600 from the line item**  
24 **budget to pay for Musquash trail improvements and maintenance. G. Harrington seconded.**  
25 **The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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27 Tree stands in the Musquash- The subject of tree stands being left in the Musquash  
28 Conservation Area after hunting season was discussed at the September 24, October 22 and  
29 November 12 Commission meetings. State hunting laws require a hunter to request permission  
30 from a land owner before placing a tree stand on their property. As stewards of the Musquash,  
31 the Commission voted on November 12 to "post the Musquash to indicate that any built tree  
32 stands remaining after December 31, 2013 will be removed and that by State RSA 207:36-a Use  
33 of Tree Stands, Observation Blinds, and Pit Blinds after December 31, permission to build them  
34 must be sought and granted from the Town." D. Lievens said she will be informing the Town  
35 Council about the postings and/or asking their permission to do so during the public comment  
36 portion of their December 2 meeting.

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38 Kendall Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)- Both M. Speltz and M. Considine stated that they  
39 investigate the condition of the KPCA parking lot when they are in the vicinity and have not



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40 found any trash or illicit items (see September 24 and October 22 minutes). M. Speltz  
41 reported that he saw a car in the lot on one occasion and while there was only one person in  
42 the passenger seat, he found no direct indication of any illegal activity.

43 At their November 12 meeting, the Commission voted to place signage in the KPCA  
44 parking lot to notify visitors of restricted hours. The motion included the wording that there  
45 will be "No parking between 10 PM and 5 AM." It was believed that these hours would tend  
46 not to interfere with those visiting the site for the activities allowed there (e.g. hunting and  
47 fishing), while still restricting use of the lot during those evening hours when illegal activity  
48 would tend to take place. D. Lievens said she will be attending the December 2 Town Council  
49 meeting to obtain their approval of the signs if needed.

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51 Target shooting in the Musquash- M. Considine reported that he has kept in contact with the  
52 Town Manager about this ongoing activity in the hopes of restricting target shooting in the  
53 Musquash. He said that in his latest conversation, the Town Manager relayed that the Town  
54 Attorney has advised that the Town does not have the ability to take any action to limit target  
55 shooting in the Musquash. The Town Manager suggested instead that the Commission seek the  
56 assistance of the Town's State representatives to possibly address the matter through new  
57 legislation. Because of concern for public safety, M. Considine said he has taken steps to seek  
58 an administrative ruling from NH Fish and Game similar to the one they made for the Kendall  
59 Pond Conservation Area where duck hunting is not allowed. M. Speltz suggested contacting  
60 Homeland Security since the Musquash is in the flight path of the Manchester-Boston Regional  
61 Airport (see October 8 minutes).

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63 Outdoor Recreation Guide- M. Speltz stated that the Arnett Development Group continues to  
64 work on the creation of a Town Outdoor Recreation Guide and Stewardship plan (see  
65 October 22 and November 12 minutes).

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67 Monitoring- T. Bloom asked M. Speltz to review and provide input on her ongoing coordination  
68 efforts of Town held conservation easement land in town and he agreed to do so. She also  
69 told M. Considine she would follow up with him as well as P. Nickerson to ensure all of the  
70 Moose Hill Orchard monitoring reports are completed and submitted. D. Lievens said she will  
71 contact Paul Nickerson again about the annual monitoring of the Plummer Easement (map and  
72 lot 8-1) since he had offered to perform the task.

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74 Town Report- Prior to the meeting, D. Lievens sent a draft to Commissioners of the  
75 Commission's submission for the annual Town Report for review and comment. Following  
76 some discussion, Commissioners agreed that the issues of target shooting in the Musquash  
77 and illegal activities at the Kendall Pond Conservation Area (KPCS) should be included, as well  
78 as a recent tour of the Town Forest and KPCA forest (see October 22 minutes).



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80 Comprehensive Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) for surface water quality- The  
81 Commission received an email forwarded by Staff from the NH Department of Environmental  
82 Services who are seeking public comment on their 2014 CALM surface water quality  
83 assessment. The CALM document provides detailed information on “the process used to  
84 make surface water quality attainment decisions in accordance with state surface water  
85 quality standards.” M. Speltz offered to review the document on behalf of the Commission.  
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87 Bockes Forest Management- The Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) sent an  
88 electronic copy of their 2012 management plan to the Commission per the requirements of  
89 the easement the Town holds on the property on map 1, lot 1. Part of this year’s  
90 management plan will be to perform a timber harvest during the winter under the  
91 supervision of the Charlie Moreno, who is also the Town Forester. A “Timber Harvest Tour”  
92 will take place in February to educate the public on the management efforts. M. Speltz  
93 suggested that would be a good opportunity to discuss the addition of recreational trails to  
94 the area, something recommended in the 2011 Open Space Task Force report.  
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96 Musquash Field Day- D. Lievens offered to contact SPNHF regarding the date of their Timber  
97 Harvest Tour in February (see above) in order to avoid scheduling the annual Musquash Field  
98 Day on the same date. Commissioners chose February 15 as the first choice for the field  
99 day, with a backup date of February 1, 2014.

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101 Wallace Farm workforce housing project- Engineer Karl Dubay of the Dubay Group, Inc. and  
102 wetland scientist Luke Hurley of Gove Environmental Services presented a workforce housing  
103 project intended for 48, 52 and 62 Perkins Road (map 16, lots 1, 2 and 3) at the Commission’s  
104 November 12 meeting. In order to address some of the Commission’s concerns, the design  
105 team amended portions of their plan and offered to discuss them during a site walk of the area  
106 that had been scheduled for November 18. D. Lievens reported that she, M. Speltz, M.  
107 Badois, and G. Harrington attended the walk were impressed with the number of changes and  
108 their significant decrease in impact on the stream, wetlands, and associated buffers. She  
109 added that the State has suggested the same kind of culvert under the proposed private road  
110 that the Commission had recommended to lessen wetland impacts (see November 12 minutes).  
111 Changes included redirection of the internal road, moving of some of the buildings and  
112 changing the boundary line between the workforce housing project and the future elderly  
113 housing project on the same land to the south.  
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115 Town Forest- D. Lievens reported the results of her meeting with Heritage Commission Chair  
116 Art Rugg and the Town Manager on November 21. All agreed that the invasive Oriental  
117 Bittersweet plant needs to be dealt with and D. Lievens described the Conservation



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118 Commission's plan to re-hire a specialist to continue with its removal. A. Rugg asked that the  
119 Conservation Commission seek approval from the Heritage Commission before the removal  
120 efforts commence, but D. Lievens said it should be sufficient that Conservation inform Heritage  
121 when the work will begin as they are stewards of the forest and the activity is a typical  
122 management issue. If additional trails or trail work are planned, Commissioners agreed that  
123 the Heritage Commission would be consulted first, however there are no such plans for the  
124 near future by the Commission or Londonderry Trailways. Agreement was also reached that  
125 the "clean up" activities initiated by the Town Sexton have concluded for the year. D. Lievens  
126 also conveyed to A. Rugg and the Town Manager the Commission's discussion at their  
127 November 12 meeting that if residents agree, that the Forest should be used for more  
128 recreational activities, the Commission is not opposed to that use. As long as it remains a  
129 forest, however, the Commission will continue to manage it as such since they were assigned  
130 stewardship of it at Town Meeting in 1984.

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132 November 12, 2013 minutes- G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the  
133 November 12, 2013 public session as written. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was  
134 approved, 6-0-1 with M. Considine abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.

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136 Open Space Task Force recommendations- At the November 12 meeting, M. Speltz handed  
137 out three lists of the recommendations identified in the Open Space Task Force report; 1) the  
138 entire list as it appears in the report, 2) the same list sorted by the agency assigned to each  
139 task, and 3) those specific tasks allotted to the Commission. He used the list sorted by agency  
140 (see Attachment #1) to highlight the tasks assigned both directly and indirectly to the  
141 Commission. He grouped the recommendations assigned directly to the Commission into  
142 three categories:

143 1. Recreation Guide and Plan (for stewardship inventory and funding, open space  
144 outreach, trail improvements in the Bockes/Ingersoll forest, etc.);

145 2. Partners in Conservation (for small parcels and for educational tasks such as  
146 wetland buffers and no-cut zones on private property, etc.);

147 3. Easement monitoring

148 He also added that the Commission could be involved with tasks not specifically attributed to  
149 them such as improving the Town's Design Review Committee process, budgeting for  
150 outreach/education, and outdoor training with outfitters and clubs.

151 Commissioners began brainstorming on ways to initiate efforts and to continue with  
152 the several they have already taken on. They discussed the possibilities of holding  
153 workshop sessions with both Londonderry Trailways and the Planning Board. M. Speltz  
154 offered to expand on the status column of the table to better document the progress  
155 accomplished by the Commission.

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157 **G. Harrington made motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was**  
158 **approved, 7-0-0.**

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160 The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 PM.

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162 Respectfully submitted,

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166 Jaye Trottier

167 Associate Planner

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2013 - Attachment #1

### Open Space Task Force Summary of Recommendations

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Status</u>
Dedicated stewardship fund	Funding	Ongoing	CC	Moderate	High	
Partners in conservation for small parcels	Protect open space	Short term	CC	Moderate	Low	
Volunteer easement monitors	Stewardship	Ongoing	CC	Moderate	Low	Coord. Apptd
Education on buffers	Water	Short term	CC	Moderate	Moderate	
No cut zone research and outreach	Education/outreach	Mid term	CC/PB	High	Moderate	Started
Open space outreach program	Education/outreach	Short term	CC/Rec/HC	High	Moderate	
Purchase fee or CE open space	Protect open space	Ongoing	CC/TC	High	High	Ongoing
Stewardship inventory and plan	Stewardship	Short term	CC/TC	High	Moderate	Beta complete
Improve trails in Bockes/Ingersoll	Recreation	Short term	CC/TW	Moderate	Moderate	In rec plan
Resume water monitoring program	Water	Mid term	EBSC/ZA/CC	High	Moderate	
No net increase to impervious surface	Water	Mid term	PB	High	Low	
Transfer of development rights	Land use regs/policy	Mid term	PB	High	Low	
Limits on impervious surface	Land use regs/policy	Mid term	PB	High	Low	
Enhance overlay district/site/subdiv. Regs	Land use regs/policy	Short term	PB	High	Low	
Improve DRC process	Land use regs/policy	Short term	PB	Moderate	Low	
Water management plan	Water	Mid term	PB/CC	High	High	
Encourage PUD and cons. Subdivisions	Land use regs/policy	Short term	PB/Staff	Low	Low	
Aquifer protection overlay	Land use regs/policy	Short term	PB/Staff	Moderate	Low	
Hockey on West Road fields	Recreation	Mid term	Rec	High	High	
Winter sports trail maint., skating	Recreation	Ongoing	Rec	High	High	
Rail trail	Recreation	Mid term	Staff/TC/TW	High	High	1 mile done
Expand town-wide trail plan	Recreation	Mid term	Staff/TC/TW	Moderate	Moderate	Rec plan start'd
Beautify open spaces	Stewardship	Short term	SWAC	Moderate	Low	
Maintain 2.7% of budget for open space	Funding	Ongoing	TC	High	High	
Budget for outreach/education	Funding	Short term	TC	High	High	

Added opportunities for recreation	Recreation	Ongoing	TC/Rec/CC/TW	Moderate	High	Guide ongoing
Refine transaction procedures	Protect open space	Short term	TC/TM/CC	Low	Low	Completed
Town-wide trails plan	Stewardship	Short term	TE/CC	Moderate	Low	
Outdoor training with outfitters, clubs	Recreation	Short term	TW/ALERT/Rec	Low	Low	Musquash Day
Social media and events	Education/outreach	Short term	TW/Rec	High	Low	Started