



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013  
Minutes

1 Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Considine; Paul Nickerson; Truda Bloom; Marge  
2 Badois; and Mike Speltz, alternate

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4 Also present: John Vogl, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner

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6 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for Ben  
7 LaBrecque.

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9 Outdoor Recreation Guide- J. Vogl explained that although a previous attorney representing  
10 the Town had made the distinction in 2012 that Open Space Protection Fund (OSPF) monies  
11 could be used for stewardship activities in addition to purchases of an interest in land, the  
12 current Town Attorney does not have the same interpretation. This means that the \$37,000  
13 voted on by the Commission from the OSPF to create the Outdoor Recreation Guide and  
14 Stewardship Plan must be funded from another source. M. Speltz offered to approach the  
15 Town Council at their December 16 meeting to request that the \$37,000 be placed in the  
16 FY2014-2015 Town budget since the Council had requested the Commission address  
17 stewardship activities, including the identification of conserved recreation land in town and  
18 its permitted uses. **M. Speltz made a motion to rescind the previous vote of the Commission  
19 to expend an amount not to exceed \$28,000 from the Open Space Protection Fund to pay  
20 for the second phase of the Outdoor Recreation Guide and Stewardship Plan. P. Nickerson  
21 seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

22 **G. Harrington made a motion that the Commission support M. Speltz attending the  
23 December 16 Town Council meeting to request that the Council fund the revised estimate  
24 of the Outdoor Recreation Guide and Stewardship Plan in the Town's FY14-15 budget to  
25 continue the existing concept of stewardship. M. Considine seconded the motion. The  
26 motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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28 Monitoring- T. Bloom reported that she and M. Speltz generated a revised spreadsheet of  
29 Town held conservation easements in town. She hopes this can also be made available online  
30 for use by Commissioners when reporting their monitoring efforts. Once the conditions of  
31 those easements that have not been monitored regularly are observed, it can also be  
32 recommended what the frequency of further visits should be.

33 The Plummer easement was recently monitored and while there were some trash items  
34 to removed, there were no concerns to report.

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36 **M. Speltz made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of  
37 discussing a possible land acquisition. G. Harrington seconded.**

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39 **Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Marge Badois; Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Paul Nickerson;**



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40 **Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Mike Considine; and Aye, Deb Lievens.**

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42 **M. Speltz made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. G. Harrington seconded. The**  
43 **motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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45 **M. Speltz made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. G.**  
46 **Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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48 **M. Speltz made a motion that the Conservation Commission conduct a public hearing at the**  
49 **earliest practicable date to be determined by the Chair and Town staff to consider the**  
50 **purchase of a conservation easement and, at the option of the Town, a fee interest subject to**  
51 **a reserved life estate interest on map 11, lot 33 (18 Kimball Road), owned by Leah R. Doyle.**  
52 **G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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54 Musquash Field Day- This annual event was scheduled for February 15, 2014.

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56 Bockes Forest Management- The Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) sent an  
57 electronic copy of their 2012 management plan to the Commission per the requirements of  
58 the easement the Town holds on the property on map 1, lot 1 (see November 26, 2013  
59 minutes). A "Timber Harvest Tour" will take place on February 22, 2013 to educate the public  
60 on management efforts. M. Speltz suggested previously that SPNHF could be approached  
61 about the possibility of improving recreational trails to the area, something recommended in  
62 the 2011 Open Space Task Force report. D. Lievens reported that while it is not something  
63 they can address in the immediate future, she conveyed that SPNHF responded positively at  
64 the proposition.

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66 Tree stands in the Musquash- The subject of tree stands being left in the Musquash  
67 Conservation Area after hunting season was discussed at the September 24, October 22,  
68 November 12 and November 26 Commission meetings. After receiving input from the Town  
69 Council and Town Attorney, the Commission again discussed the issue and made the decision  
70 to place a note on those stands that have been affixed to a tree and remain after hunting  
71 season, stating that per the State RSA, the stand should be removed.

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73 Open Space Task Force recommendations- At the November 26 meeting, the Commission  
74 initiated a discussion on possible implementation of specific items on the list of  
75 recommendations identified in the 2011 Open Space Task Force report (see November 26,  
76 2013 minutes). M. Speltz stated that he would be revising the spreadsheet he presented at  
77 that meeting. D. Lievens stated that she contacted the University of New Hampshire  
78 Cooperative Extension about potential resources for community outreach efforts and found a



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79 variety of information that could be useful to the Commission.

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81 DRC- Londonderry Baptist Church Site Plan (12-52);

82 Comments: No comments.

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84 December 24, 2013 meeting- **G. Harrington made a motion to cancel the December 24, 2013**  
85 **meeting because of the holiday. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved,**  
86 **7-0-0.**

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88 November 26, 2013 minutes- **T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the**  
89 **November 26, 2013 public session as written. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was**  
90 **approved, 7-0-0.**

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92 Faucher Road Beaver dam- G. Harrington reported that the dismantling efforts of a portion of  
93 this beaver dam at the end of Faucher Road by several Commissioners (see November 26, 2013  
94 minutes) has resulted in restoring the normal flow of the brook there.

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

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99 The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 PM.

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101 Respectfully submitted,

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105 Jaye Trottier

106 Associate Planner