



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Minutes

1 Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Considine; Paul Nickerson; and Marge Badois

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3 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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5 Joint Negotiating Committee- D. Lievens met with Acting Town Manager Chief Hart to explain the newly
6 formed Joint Negotiating Committee as well as educate him about the work of the Commission. She
7 reported that it was a very productive conversation.

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9 New England Cottontail- At the June 12 meeting, Heidi Holman of New Hampshire Fish and Game (F&G) and
10 Town Forester Charlie Moreno had presented a proposal to create the kind of early successional habitat the
11 endangered New England Cottontail relies on in a 60 +/- acre section of the Musquash Conservation Area. D.
12 Lievens, M. Badois, and G. Harrington walked the site with F&G and Town Forester Charlie Moreno, along with
13 Bob Saur, President of Londonderry Trailways, a reporter from the Londonderry Times, and a member of the
14 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on September 14. M. Considine will provide his input to F&G when he revisits
15 the area with them at a later date. Commissioners reviewed the walk with the help of a map created by the
16 Town GIS Manager (see attached). C. Moreno has coordinated with Continental Paving who offered access
17 for the logging through one of their adjacent properties. He will also be responsible for putting the timber
18 cut out to bid. The objective is to begin the logging in late March/early April of 2013 so that desired shrubby
19 growth will become evident by May or June. The time frame was chosen in part to avoid impacting white
20 pine tree pine cones since that would result in the proliferation of white pines which are not conducive to the
21 habitat being created. P. Nickerson requested that bird nesting season, which typically begins in late April,
22 also be considered in the timing of the project. M. Badois explained the point made during the site walk that
23 the cost of the logging will be lower at that time of year because it is off-season for loggers. D. Lievens
24 stated that a TV show will be produced at some point through the Cable Access Center that can run this fall as
25 well as next spring to educate the public about the reason for the cutting. Richard Olson, President of the
26 NH Wildlife Federation (and President of the Londonderry Fish & Game Club), informed D. Lievens that his
27 non-profit organization may be able to partner with the Town to obtain funding for the management portion
28 of the project.

29 **G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the Town's consultant Forester (Charlie Moreno) to put**
30 **out to bid the creation of the New England Cottontail Management cut in the Musquash Conservation Area**
31 **and inform F&G as well as any other interested parties. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was**
32 **approved, 5-0-0.**

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34 October 9, 2012 meeting- As a majority of members present will not be available for the October 9 meeting,
35 **G. Harrington made a motion to cancel the October 9, 2012 meeting. P. Nickerson seconded. The**
36 **motion was approved, 5-0-0.** G. Harrington and M. Considine were authorized by consensus to act as a
37 subcommittee in the event that any time sensitive issues arise.

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39 Trail day- M. Considine reported that the trail day he mentioned at the September 11 meeting at the Kendall
40 Pond Conservation Area will tentatively take place on October 13. He must first coordinate with



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41 Londonderry Trailways President Bob Saur.

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43 Membership- D. Lievens reminded G. Harrington and M. Considine that their terms will expire at the end of
44 year and that they need to inform the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant with their intentions.

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46 DRC- 7 Summer Drive; two lot subdivision; 13-71-49

47 Comments: No comments.

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49 September 11, 2012 minutes- P. Nickerson corrected the use of the term "crossbow" and said the activity
50 should be referred to as "bow hunting." **M. Considine made a motion to approve the minutes of the**
51 **September 11, 2012 public session as amended. M. Badois seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1**
52 **with G. Harrington abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

53 **M. Considine made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 non-public session**
54 **as written. M. Badois seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with G. Harrington abstaining as he**
55 **had not attended the meeting.**

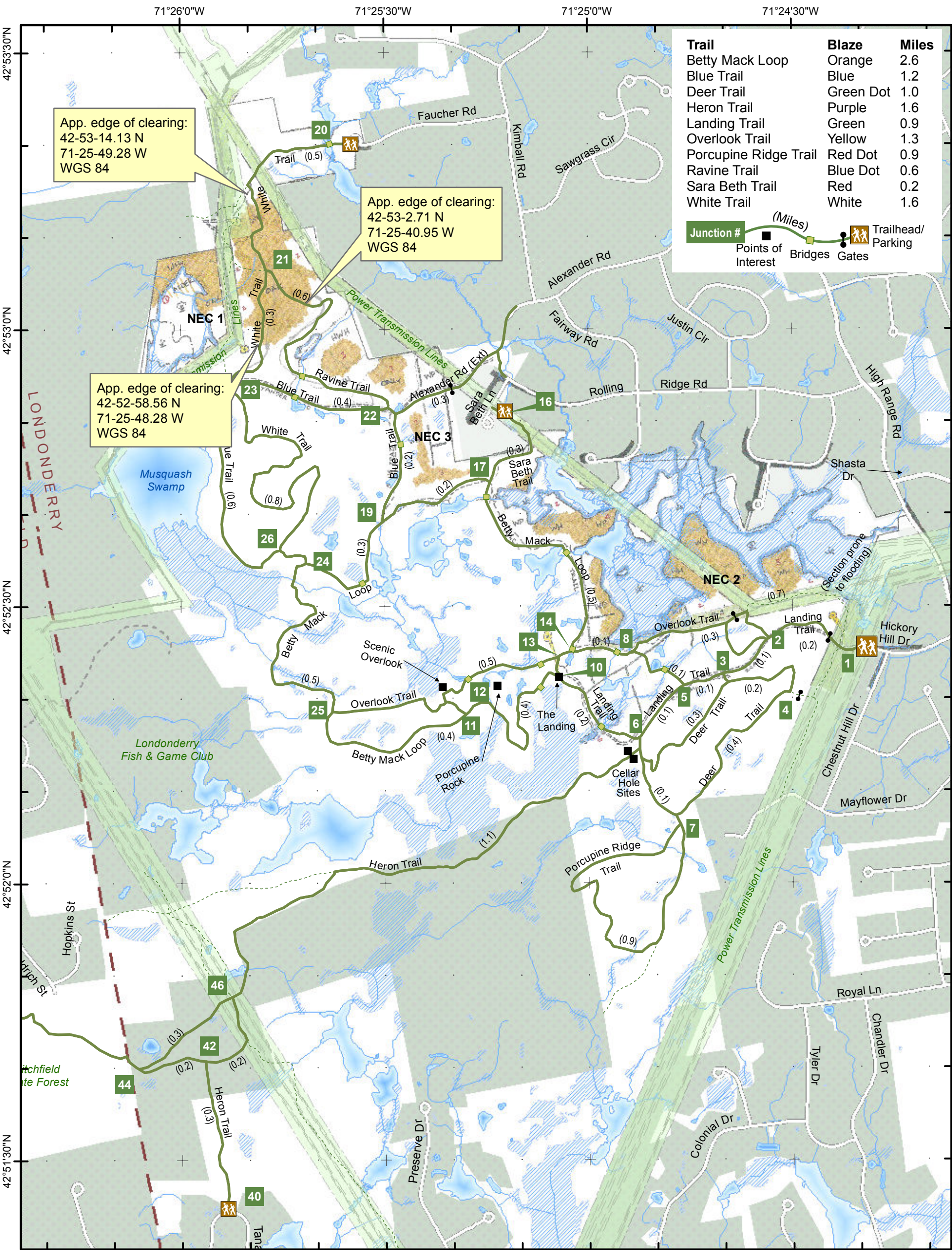
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57 **G. Harrington made motion to adjourn the meeting. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved,**
58 **5-0-0.**

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60 The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 PM.

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62 Respectfully submitted,

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65 Jaye Trottier
66 Secretary

Musquash Conservation Area Londonderry, NH



Proposed New England Cottontail (NEC) Clearing Areas

Brown shaded areas represent the Proposed NEC Clearing Areas as identified in the Analysis of Potential New England Cottontail Habitat in Northern Areas of the Musquash Conservation Area, Londonderry, NH. Prepared by Moreno Forestry Associates, Published June 8, 2012. This map represents a combination of data produced by both the Moreno Forestry Associates and the Town of Londonderry. The locations on this map are approximate and should be used for discussion purposes only.

Proposed NEC Clearing Areas (APPROXIMATE)

Map Prepared: 9/17/2012

