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1 Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Paul Nickerson, Ben LaBrecque, George Herrmann, and
2 Mike Speltz

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for Truda
5 Bloom.

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7 Lorden Estates (a/k/a Chinburg Conservation Subdivision)- Jonathan Ring of Jones & Beach
8 Engineers, Inc. was joined by Dave Lauze of Chinburg Builders to update the LCC on
9 Conservation Overlay Buffer impacts occurring within the proposed subdivision on map and lot
10 16-38. After receiving Conditional Approval from the Planning Board in May, final reviews by
11 the Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Division of the Department of Environmental Services and the
12 Town's engineering consultant resulted in changes that increased buffer impacts. Wetland
13 impacts have not changed.

14 J. Ring explained that a drainage pipe had to be relocated in the detention pond south
15 of proposed lot 16-38-36 and that the pond itself had to be extended slightly, increasing
16 permanent buffer impact by 400 square feet. The second impact was caused by the addition of
17 an infiltration pond required by AoT to provide groundwater infiltration for the aquifer.
18 Permanent buffer impacts were therefore increased by 2,500 sf in the area east of proposed
19 lots 16-38-8 and 38-9.

20 **G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Planning**
21 **Board stating that the Conservation Commission had no issues with the amended Conditional**
22 **Use Permit and approved of the plan as presented. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was**
23 **approved, 6-0-0.**

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25 Monitoring- P. Nickerson stated that weather had prevented a recent attempt to monitor the
26 Moose Hill Orchard easements. He said he would try again on October 28 and G. Herrmann
27 said he might be available to join him.

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29 Memorandum of Agreement- The Town Council recently approved Resolution 2011-16, a
30 Memorandum of Agreement between the Council and the LCC regarding conservation land
31 acquisitions. The intent of the Council is to "maximize transparency, to encourage economic
32 advantage, and to avoid conflicts of interest in accordance with Town Purchasing Policy." The
33 LCC, however, had not yet voted on their final approval. M. Speltz offered to review the version
34 approved by the Council against the last draft reviewed by the LCC and will report any
35 inconsistencies at the next meeting.

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37 **G. Harrington made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of**
38 **discussing the possible land acquisitions as well as the potential release of portions of non-**
39 **public minutes regarding possible land acquisitions. G. Herrmann seconded.**

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41 **Roll call vote: Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, George Herrmann; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Gene**
42 **Harrington; Aye, Mike Speltz; and Aye, Deb Lievens.**

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44 **G. Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. P. Nickerson seconded. The**
45 **motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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47 **G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely. P.**
48 **Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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50 **G. Harrington made a motion to release the previously redacted portions of the non-public**
51 **minutes as discussed in the non-public session. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was**
52 **approved, 6-0-0.**

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54 Dog Park- At the October 11 meeting, D. Lievens said she was contacted by Dog Park
55 Committee member Deanna Mele about the possibility of locating a dog park on Town owned
56 conservation land. Mark Oswald had suggested Town owned property on Sanborn Road. B.
57 LaBrecque relayed the suggestion at a Committee meeting held earlier in the evening, also
58 noting that it was not the specific purview of the LCC to designate conservation land for a dog
59 park. G. Harrington noted that Town owned conservation land often restricts development,
60 which would include any structures, fencing, or land clearing associated with such a project. M.
61 Speltz previously advised some Committee members to first determine the necessities for the
62 desired park, since doing so would narrow the possibilities for available land. He added that
63 there would most likely be specifications regarding such things as the prevention of excessive
64 dog feces from entering the ground water. B. LaBrecque said he would relay those comments
65 to the Committee.

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67 Ingersoll logging rights- The Town Manager recently wrote a letter to the owner of map and lot
68 1-1, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), asking that the logging
69 rights on the Ingersoll easement be transferred to the Town. Proceeds from logging would then
70 be used to support the Town's stewardship efforts of conservation land. The local newspaper
71 asked the Town Manager if he was planning to make the same request of other owners. He
72 gave no indication that the request was limited to the Ingersoll property. D. Lievens stated that
73 if the LCC's input had been sought before the idea was pursued, issues involving typical logging



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74 practices and landowner's rights could have been discussed first. M. Speltz stated that in the
75 case of the Ingersoll property, the family entered into the transaction with SPNHF with the
76 specific understanding that SPNHF would manage the land, including any logging. It is in the
77 interest of proper land stewardship, he added, not to separate owners from their logging rights
78 since they have the greatest interest in protecting the land. G. Harrington suggested the Town
79 profit instead by logging the many 50-foot right of way stubs in town.

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81 NHACC meeting- D. Lievens reminded LCC members that the annual meeting of the NH
82 Association of Conservation Commissions will take place Saturday, November 5.
83 Commissioners will be reimbursed \$45 if they choose to attend.

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85 NHACC bylaws- Two amendments have been proposed to the NHACC bylaws and will be voted
86 on at the annual meeting on November 5. Conservation Commissions that are members of the
87 NHACC have the opportunity to send a representative to the meeting and convey their approval
88 or disapproval of the proposed changes.

89 The first proposal is to institute term limits for members of the Board of Directors,
90 restricting them to three consecutive 3-year terms, after which they must take a minimum one-
91 year break. The idea is to expand the level of participation in the organization and develop a
92 greater diversity of input. G. Harrington, Vice-President of the NHACC, recommended voting
93 against this change, saying it would further limit a Board that is regularly challenged to find
94 directors. Based on G. Harrington's experience with the Board, the consensus of the LCC was to
95 vote against term limits.

96 The second proposal is to allow two of the nine directors to be non-conservation
97 commission members, "as long as they have demonstrated an interest in the study and/or
98 protection of natural resources in New Hampshire." This would not only widen the pool of
99 potential directors but would also allow former conservation commission members to serve. G.
100 Harrington commented that as an *association of conservation commissions*, NHACC directors
101 should currently serve on a conservation commission. M. Speltz noted the change could attract
102 people with important contacts and resources who may not have the time needed to serve on a
103 conservation commission but could still contribute significantly to the NHACC. He added that
104 passing the second amendment could eventually provide the level of participation where term
105 limits would not hinder the Board. Because Commissioners were split evenly on the second
106 proposal, the LCC decided to abstain from that vote. D. Lievens will act as the LCC's
107 representative and bring those decisions to the annual meeting.

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109 NHACC dues- **D. Lievens entertained a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount**
110 **not to exceed \$850.00 from the line item budget to pay the 2012 dues for membership in the**



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111 **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. P. Nickerson so moved. M. Speltz**
112 **seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with G. Harrington abstaining as he is Vice-**
113 **President on the Board of Directors.**

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115 October 11, 2011 minutes-

116 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 public**
117 **session as written. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 4-0-2 with G.**
118 **Herrmann and M. Speltz abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.**

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120 DRC- Woodmont Commons PUD Master Plan, Map 10 Lots 15, 23, 29C-2A, 29C-2B, 41, 41-1,
121 41-2, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 52, 54-1, 57, 58, 59, and 62.

122 Due to the amount of information involved with this DRC submission, the LCC decided
123 to review the documents via the Town website and bring comments and questions to the next
124 meeting. D. Lievens said she would recuse herself from commenting on the submission as a
125 Commissioner.

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127 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was**
128 **approved, 6-0-0.**

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130 The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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132 Respectfully submitted,

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136 Jaye Trottier
137 Secretary