



Londonderry Conservation Commission

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Minutes

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1 Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Truda Bloom, Ben LaBrecque, Mike Speltz, and Ken  
2 Henault (late)

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and appointed M. Speltz to vote for Paul Nickerson.

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6 Eagle Scout project (Joe Conti)- Joe Conti, Life Scout from Troop 426 in Londonderry, presented a potential  
7 Eagle Scout project to the LCC. Two trailhead kiosks would be built, one at the Tanager Way entrance and  
8 the other at the Sara Beth entrance of the Musquash Conservation Area. Both trailheads currently lack any  
9 such identification, which has caused confusion for visitors and poses a safety issue for emergency  
10 personnel trying to gain access to the area. The design of the kiosks will follow that of the one built at the  
11 Faucher Road entrance in 2010 by Russell Saur (see attached), although they will have more surface area  
12 for maps and information. J. Conti will be balancing this project with his future duties as a counselor at  
13 Camp Carpenter during the summer, but hopes to perform the majority of the work in the spring and fall  
14 and be completed by November of this year. This would include fundraising and obtaining the necessary  
15 approvals. M. Considine noted that the project would also include clearing brush at both entrances to  
16 further improve their identification as trailheads. He added that J. Conti would be working with him and  
17 Bob Saur of Londonderry Trailways throughout the course of the project.

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19 K. Henault arrived during the above discussion at approximately 7:35 PM. D. Lievens appointed him to vote  
20 for George Herrmann.

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22 **M. Speltz made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project as discussed and presented. G. Harrington**  
23 **seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

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25 D. Lievens signed the approval form for J. Conti as Chair of the LCC.

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27 Eagle Scout project (Zach Richards)- Londonderry Boy Scout Dave Roberts recently completed an Eagle  
28 Scout project by installing fifteen-5.5" x 4" posts at various intersections in the Musquash Conservation  
29 Area. This was done as part of a larger plan to create consistent directional signage for the network of trails  
30 that cover the area. In speaking with Bob Saur of Londonderry Trailways, Zach Richards of Scout Troop 109  
31 is seeking the LCC's approval to do the same for the remaining fifteen intersections. M. Considine  
32 explained that the posts will all be on the north side of each junction, each with a metal sign (provided by  
33 Londonderry Trailways) facing north in order to provide a fixed reference point for hikers. The 18" x 5"  
34 signs to be bolted to the posts will feature the updated Musquash map identifying the given intersection,  
35 along with the names of those intersecting trails and the GPS coordinates. Z. Richards said his fundraising  
36 efforts will focus on providing the lumber but should also help subsidize the cost of the signs. He will  
37 return with a more detailed presentation for final approval.

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39 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- Gove Environmental Services has submitted another invoice in the  
40 amount of \$660 for work being performed in conjunction with the wetland restoration project on map and  
41 lot 6-113. Per the agreement with the Town Financial Director (see January 11, 2011 minutes), Gove will be  
42 paid through the Town's General Fund, which will later be reimbursed by DES.  
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44 Merrill easement- At a public hearing held on February 22, the LCC voted to recommend to the Town  
45 Council that the Town proceed with the Purchase and Sale agreement regarding a 20 +/- acre conservation  
46 easement on map and lot 17-10 (see February 22, 2011 Public Hearing minutes). M. Speltz will be  
47 presenting the same information provided at the public hearing to the Council at their March 21 meeting.  
48 D. Lievens said that Ken Merrill will attend with some additional information and pictures.

49 A Purchase and Sale agreement has been forwarded to K. Merrill for review with his attorney. A  
50 survey was completed when the Merrills purchased the property in 2010. M. Speltz will be writing the  
51 hazardous waste inspection report and preparing the easement deed, which will then need to be reviewed  
52 by the Rockingham County Conservation District who will actually hold and manage the easement.  
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54 Musquash Field Day- M. Considine reported that there was a large turnout 2011 Musquash Field Day held  
55 on February 12, estimating that 120 people attended.  
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57 Saving Special Places Land Conservation Conference- The 10th annual Saving Special Places conference will  
58 take place on April 9 at the Kearsarge Regional High School in Sutton. To encourage Commissioners to  
59 attend, D. Lievens had suggested that the LCC subsidize half of the \$60 registration fee. T. Bloom has since  
60 registered for the event. **D. Lievens entertained a motion to reimburse T. Bloom half of the \$60  
61 registration fee following her attendance of the Saving Special Places conference on April 9. M. Speltz so  
62 moved. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**  
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64 February 22, 2011 minutes- The following changes and corrections were suggested to the draft of the  
65 February 22, 2011 minutes: Page one, line 33; Replace "declined" with "not indicated an interest in  
66 pursuing the grant." (M. Speltz).

67 **M. Speltz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 public session as amended. T.  
68 Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-1 with M. Considine abstaining as he had not attended  
69 the meeting.**

70 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 public hearing as written.  
71 T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-1 with the same abstention noted above.**  
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73 Woodmont Commons PUD Master Plan Discussion- M. Speltz said he would be attending this workshop at  
74 the March 9 Planning Board meeting and will be discussing the agricultural soils found on the property.  
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76 G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was  
77 approved, 6-0-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.  
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79 Respectfully submitted,  
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82 Jaye Trottier  
83 Secretary

**Who:** Joe Conti, 15, Life Scout from Troop 426, Londonderry working toward Eagle rank.

**What:** Project to build two trail head kiosks.

**Where:** Musquash Conservation Area at Tanager Way trail head and another at the Sara Beth Lane trail head.

**Why:** Allow hikers to more easily identify the trail head at these areas. Currently some confusion exists.

Allow Fire and rescue personnel to more easily identify the trailhead in case of an emergency.

**When:** Project completion will be November 2011 at the latest, as I will be away most of the summer as counselor at Camp Carpenter.



Photo courtesy of Russell Saur, 2010