



Londonderry Conservation Commission

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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Paul Nickerson, Ben LaBrecque and**
2 **Mark Oswald.**

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4 Call to order; 7:35 P.M.

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6 D. Lievens appointed M. Oswald to vote for Truda Bloom.

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8 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- D. Lievens said that at this time, there were no further updates
9 concerning the ARM grant restoration plan for the wetland on map and lot 6-113.

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11 Mack- D. Lievens provided an update on the work being done to fulfill the requirements of the Farm
12 and Ranchland Protection Program grant to be used towards the purchase of a conservation easement
13 on map and lot 10-15.

14 Since the last meeting, she met with members of the Natural Resources Conservation Service,
15 Andy Mack Jr., Mike Cross and the District Manager for the Rockingham County Conservation
16 District for a "landowner's meeting." The purpose was to inform the landowner of his rights as they
17 relate to the grant and easement process. (A. Mack Jr. recently became Vice President of Moose Hill
18 Orchards and therefore is now directly involved in the project along with his father).

19 In November, D. Lievens had emailed Town Counsel, requesting he initiate a title search for
20 10-15 but did not receive a response. She emailed again requesting confirmation of the original email.
21 Not receiving a response of any kind, she then emailed the Town Manager asking him to follow up on
22 the LCC's behalf. Although he stated he would, she has yet to hear of any results and will contact the
23 Town Manager again.

24 Unless boundary information can be obtained through this title search or from the Mack family
25 files, a survey with bounds to match the appendix of the easement will need to be performed to meet
26 FRPP conditions. The consensus was to have D. Lievens obtain quotes based on the belief that little
27 information will be uncovered. If the need for the survey is verified, it was also decided to see if the
28 Macks would be willing to split the cost.

29 D. Lievens additionally learned that the two house lots A. Mack Sr. wanted the right to
30 withdraw might end up being restricted in ways that would limit their appraised value. One constraint
31 would be that only Mack family members would occupy the homes while another would ensure the
32 lots are located along the road as opposed to being on the peak of the land. This could mean the
33 updated appraisal and hence the agreed upon price may be closer to the original since the house lots
34 would not be valued with any premium.

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36 Town Forest- Town Forester Charlie Moreno was joined by D. Lievens, M. Oswald and G. Harrington
37 for the bid opening regarding the Town Forest selective cut. Monadnock Forest Products was chosen
38 for having the highest bid. In addition, they are highly reputable. They were voted the Logging
39 Contractor of the Year by the Timberland Owners Association in 2009.

40 There is some question as to whether MFP's schedule will allow them to begin work before the
41 ground thaws this year, but C. Moreno was confident that the bid would still be valid if the cut was
42 postponed until next fall/winter.

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44 Musquash selective cut- M. Considine inquired as to whether the aforementioned bid related to the
45 Town Forest could be rolled into a timber cut in the Musquash Conservation Area. D. Lievens replied
46 that they are two separate projects and that an invitation to bid on the Musquash cut will go out once C.



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47 Moreno completes his management plan. She had in fact asked him recently if he could present his
48 findings to the LCC in the near future so a management plan can be determined and a cut can be
49 scheduled for next winter. She will maintain a dialogue with him on the issue.

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51 Musquash Field Day - LCC members continued making plans for this February 13 event (see January
52 12 minutes). M. Considine will bring maps of the Musquash to hand out that day. D. Lievens
53 distributed flyers and members coordinated where they would be posting them throughout town. She
54 will also be in contact again with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension to confirm
55 that they will be sending a representative.

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57 Musquash maps- M. Considine stated he would like to make Musquash maps available at the Hickory
58 Hill kiosk year round. If he finds they end up littering the Musquash, he can always remove them.
59 There was no objection to the idea.

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61 Leadership Londonderry- D. Lievens and M. Speltz attended this class on January 21 to educate the
62 public on the LCC's efforts and accomplishments. D. Lievens focused on the history of the LCC along
63 with the array of responsibilities and tasks the Commission performs regularly. M. Speltz provided an
64 overview of the goals and results of the Town's Open Space plan.

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66 Land Use Change Tax- The LCC discussed a citizen's petition expected to be submitted for Town
67 Meeting that would attempt to redirect funds obtained through the Land Use Change Tax for items
68 other than conservation. M. Oswald offered to take the information used at the Leadership
69 Londonderry Class (see above) and present it during his program scheduled with the Londonderry
70 Access Center on January 28. D. Lievens said Mike Speltz is also preparing a handout for Musquash
71 Field Day.

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73 Natural Resources Advisory Committee- The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission issued a
74 letter to the 13 regional Conservation Commissions asking that they each appoint a representative and
75 an alternate to serve on the local NRAC, which is aimed at "monitoring and protecting the unique
76 natural resources existing within the region." As D. Lievens is already the current Chair and
77 representative of the SNHPC, she will also represent Londonderry. She asked P. Nickerson to consider
78 being the alternate as she had discussed with him in the past. He volunteered to do so.

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80 SB 315- G. Harrington stated that a Senate Bill has been introduced regarding the selection of
81 members for NH conservation commissions. The first hearing took place last week. The bill seeks to
82 amend RSA 36-A:3 by adding that commissioners may be *elected*, whereas currently they are only
83 appointed.

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85 January 12, 2010 minutes- **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January**
86 **12, 2010 public session as written. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with**
87 **B. LaBrecque abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

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89 Litchfield/West Road hydrologic and wetland monitoring reports- Continental Paving submitted their
90 annual reports to the LCC for the ongoing gravel excavation/quarry projects in Litchfield and
91 Londonderry. These reports provide examinations of hydrologic and wetland conditions for the area as
92 part of the agreements with both towns. Their overall observations were that, "fluctuations in water



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93 level elevations, variations in field screening parameters, and stream erosion and deposition
94 conditions” were consistent with past reports and that the current monitoring program seems
95 satisfactory.

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97 DRC- The LCC began reviewing this site plan for 14-29-10 submitted by Kake Preserve along with the
98 minutes of their May 26, 2009 meeting when a Dredge and Fill application was presented for this
99 location. Before making any comments to the Design Review Committee, it was decided to wait until
100 the February 9 meeting since the applicants were already scheduled to be meet with the LCC again. D.
101 Lievens asked the secretary to inform the Community Development Department that their input will be
102 delayed until that time and noted to Commissioners that the deadline for comments was not until
103 February 19.

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105 **G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. B. LaBrecque seconded. The**
106 **motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

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108 Respectfully submitted,

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111 Jaye Trottier

112 Secretary