



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
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Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Speltz (late), Mike Considine, Paul Nickerson, Truda Bloom and Mark Oswald (non-voting alternate)

Call to order; 7:40 P.M.

Town Forest- Since the early fall of 2007, the LCC has discussed the possibility of clearing a section of the Town Forest in order to provide needed space for the abutting Town Common while giving the Fire Department a chance to gain experience in emergency tree removal. Following site walks and discussions with the County and Town Foresters, the project has evolved to the point where a swath as large as 60 x 60 may be cut, beginning on the east side of the bandstand and heading towards Mammoth Road. (A significant buffer would remain in order to preserve the current view along that road). Town Forester Charlie Moreno recently walked the area with D. Lievens, noting that a selective cut within the rest of the forest will not only be beneficial to the habitat but will most likely pay for the entire project. While a qualified professional will have to actually cut down the trees, firemen will still be able to acquire skill by assisting the logger. Invasive species can also be removed during the process.

Once the actual amount of space to be cleared is determined and C. Moreno compiles a proposal for Town Council approval, the process can begin, perhaps in time to provide more space on the Common for Old Home Days in August.

M. Speltz arrived. D. Lievens appointed him to vote for Stephen Fassi.

G. Harrington made a motion to go into Non-public Session for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisitions per RSA 91-A:3. P. Nickerson seconded.

Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Deb Lievens; Mark Oswald present.

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

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

M. Speltz made a motion to offer the party discussed in non-public session the amount discussed in non-public session for an interest in land. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

January 8, 2008 minutes- **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 public session as written. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved 5-0-1 (T. Bloom abstained as she had not attended the meeting).**

G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 non-public session as written. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved 5-0-1 (T. Bloom abstained as she had not attended the meeting).

Miscellaneous-

1) The Jordan Institute program, "Implementing Wildlife Action Plans in Three New Hampshire Communities" will take place January 29th.



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2) Doxon Realty Trust has requested an alteration of terrain permit for the Cider Mill Crossing project (15-215-1) which was reviewed several times by the LCC.

3) D. Lievens has been appointed an alternate member to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. She and resident Deb Paul will be the first alternates to represent Londonderry in that capacity.

Monitoring; Plummer easement- LCC members were unable to coordinate their yearly monitoring walk of the Plummer easement (map and lot 8-1) in 2007 before significant snowfall occurred. D. Lievens suggested inviting the representative of the Land and Water Conservation Fund to join them in the spring when he will be visiting Londonderry.

Conservation Subdivision ordinance- Town Planner Tim Thompson has been invited to an upcoming LCC meeting to discuss implementation of this item as well as other planning issues of recent interest.

Action items- Over the last several years, various lists of LCC action items have accumulated regarding a variety of topics. D. Lievens asked that LCC members review some of those matters and be prepared to address unresolved issues, additions they would like considered, and what the general course of action should be taken for the future of the LCC.

Musquash Field Day- D. Lievens handed out flyers for members to distribute and post for this annual event taking place February 2nd. M. Considine reviewed what has been prepared and what remains to be done.

Mitigation- D. Lievens updated the LCC on several projects involving mitigation. The possibility of combining funds in lieu of land mitigation from the State Department of Transportation for the widening of I-93 (\$35,000) and from Elliot Health Systems for a new facility (\$75,000) is still being pursued. One opportunity to use the funds would be towards the purchase of the Colby-Litchfield piece on map and lot 8-22 but it is still unclear whether that will already be obtained by the State as mitigation for the proposed exit 4A project, which itself may be delayed.

Lastly, it is uncertain if any mitigation will take place for the impending addition to South School. Despite impacting a 50 foot buffer to a named stream which would already be reduced from 100 feet, there is no assurance that the Planning Board will require some form of environmental improvement or if the school will choose to be exempt from the Town ordinances as a government entity.

M. Speltz made a motion to adjourn. T. Blooms seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaye Trottier
Secretary