



Londonderry Conservation Commission
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Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Speltz (late), Mike Considine, Ken Henault, Paul Nickerson (late), Truda Bloom and Mark Oswald

Call to order; 7:35 P.M.

D. Lievens appointed M. Oswald to vote for Paul Nickerson (P. Nickerson's arrived shortly thereafter).

Annual report- D. Lievens provided copies of a year end review she drafted for the 2007 Town Report. M. Oswald suggested adding the fact that the LCC continues to provide stewardship for approximately 2,500 acres of land conserved either through purchase or easement. After a few minor points were clarified, **G. Harrington made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission's year end report as edited. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.**

Community Open House- M. Oswald announced that the second annual Re/Max Community Open House for local non-profit groups will take place January 27th at the High School. Last year, the LCC took the opportunity to educate the general public about the benefits of supporting the Open Space program. M. Considine offered to attend the event on behalf of the LCC as he and M. Speltz did last year.

Tree cutting- Mr. Burns, a resident at 4 Red Fern Circle, contacted D. Lievens, stating he believes his neighbor at 6 Red Fern Circle has cut trees within the adjoining wetland. Although the Building Inspector told D. Lievens that he only found three stumps when he visited the site, Mr. Bryant claims at least 36 trees up to 90 feet in height have been felled.

P. Nickerson and M. Speltz arrived.

Since 6 Red Fern directly abuts the Musquash Conservation Area, it was decided that the LCC should investigate. M. Considine will speak to Mr. Burns to determine how accessible the wet area currently is from his property and whether a site walk needs to be postponed until the ground is fully frozen. M. Speltz said he would be available in January to join M. Considine should the visit be put off until then.

Open Space publicity- In an attempt to educate residents about the importance of funding Londonderry's Open Space Program, M. Oswald and D. Lievens have been working GIS Coordinator John Vogl to gather the most current facts and figures and then format them in layman friendly terms (see November 27 minutes).

M. Oswald shared the first draft of what will be posted on the Town website (see attached). The goal, he explained, is to present totals of the different kinds of conserved land in Londonderry (e.g. Town owned acquired land, Town owned easements, deed restrictions), while offering the opportunity to examine the specifics via links for those interested. K. Henault suggested providing "drop down" options along with each category to make access to the details even easier.

After discussing the labeling of certain categories, it was decided to post the amended information on the website, collect feedback and determine if any changes are in order. M. Oswald stated that the LCC should review these protected land totals every six months to ensure the information is current. M. Speltz noted that J. Vogl should be recognized and commended for his efforts and his overall ability to incorporate the complex variety of conserved lands so effectively into the Town's GIS system.



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DRC- 1. South School addition, 4-9A (with additional lighting plan)

(**Previous comments** from Nov 27th meeting:

We recommended a Conditional Use Permit to reduce the COD buffer on 10/23/07 with a request for mitigation by creating a green roof or other enhanced water treatment.

Note: Buildings are not allowed in the buffer.

This project makes a substantial impact on the buffer and the LCC would like to see some mitigation.

Because of the CUP application, we cannot support the plan as presented).

Comments from December 11th review with addition of lighting plan:

We had no issues regarding lighting but remain concerned about storm water treatment issues. Please keep us in the loop.

South School addition/green roof- When a Conditional Use Permit application was first presented at the October 23rd meeting regarding the impact an addition to South School would have on the Conservation Overlay District buffer (see above), the LCC voted to recommend approval to the Planning Board, “subject to a green roof or other enhanced water treatment system.” The additional cost, the LCC argued, would be offset by the long term savings and even offered to research grant opportunities. They asked that the School Board consider the potential educational and environmental benefits and further suggested they contact Stonyfield Farm because a new addition there will incorporate a green roof.

Alternate Commissioner George Herrmann had volunteered to represent this interest to the School Board, of which he is also a member. When presenting to the LCC in October, the architect had guessed a roof may add up to \$200,000 to the cost of the project. G. Herrmann informed D. Lievens that the same amount had been given to the School Board but it was unclear how that determination was made. Despite this lack of justification by way of analysis or investigation, the School Board has opted not to pursue the green roof. They will instead integrate another form of storm water treatment that has yet to be determined (see above “comments from December 11th review” to the Planning Board).

November 27, 2007 minutes- T. Bloom noted that she had not, in fact, volunteered to attend a CTAP workshop as had been noted on page one under “miscellaneous”. **M. Speltz then made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 public session as amended. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-3. (M. Considine, K. Henault and P. Nickerson abstained as they had not attended the meeting).**

G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 non-public session as written. M. Oswald seconded. The motion was approved 3-0-4. (M. Considine, K. Henault, P. Nickerson and T. Bloom abstained as they had not attended the meeting).

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

Roll call vote: Aye, Mike Speltz; Aye, Ken Henault; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Deb Lievens.

G. Harrington made a motion to go out of Non-public Session. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.



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G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-public Session indefinitely. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

P. Nickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaye Trottier
Secretary