



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, March 27, 2007
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Present: Deb Lievens; Gene Harrington; Mike Speltz (late); Mike Considine; Ken Henault; Paul Nickerson; Truda Bloom; George Herrmann (late) Mark Oswald and Stephen Fassi

Call to order

D. Lievens appointed S. Fassi to vote for the M. Speltz until he arrived.

February 27, 2007 minutes- **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 public session as written. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-0.** (K. Henault and P. Nickerson abstained as they had not attended the meeting. S. Fassi and T. Bloom abstained as they had not been sworn in as members when they attended the meeting).

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

Ingersoll monitoring invoice- **D. Lievens entertained a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 from the line item budget to pay the Rockingham County Conservation District for completing the annual stewardship monitoring of the Ingersoll property in November, 2006. P. Nickerson so moved. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.**

Saving Special Places conference- For members not already attending/volunteering at this conference, D. Lievens reminded them about this April 14th event and stated that the LCC can pay for their admission.

Miscellaneous- D. Lievens provided a copy of the New England Mountain Bike Association's newsletter for southern New Hampshire which featured a piece by M. Considine about biking in the Musquash Conservation Area.

New England Wildflower Society volunteers- The New England Wildflower Society's Plant Conservation Volunteer coordinator asked D. Lievens to forward their outreach message to LCC members. As a member of the program, D. Lievens highly recommended it to her fellow Commissioners. She noted that volunteers have aided in Londonderry's ongoing endeavor to remove the invasive purple loosestrife species and will return again for four days this July. She hopes to publicize this to try and recruit even more volunteers from the community.

Conservation boundary markers/George property- As part of the acquisition of the George property, an agreement was made whereby the LCC would post conservation boundary markers on the site. D. Lievens said this would need to be done in the near future and that the majority of the work would be concentrated around on the ten acre lot subdivided out for the existing house. M. Considine volunteered to post them. D. Lievens will bring a map of the area and the signs to the next meeting.

M. Speltz arrived.

Conservation boundary markers/Walgreen's property- G. Harrington noted that he has seen conservation boundary markers on the Walgreen's site where the Town holds an easement. They apparently were posted by the developer.



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Camping policy- D. Lievens was recently asked by a Boy Scout Troop leaser about the LCC's policy regarding camping in the Musquash. This topic had reviewed back in 2005 but despite several discussions, no policy was ever committed to paper.

A dialogue ensued and it was recalled that aside from requiring fire and vehicle permits, the LCC had decided to simply review each request on a case by case basis. M. Oswald pointed out that the requirement of the fire permit will make the Fire Department aware of camper's locations in the event of an emergency. Even if the overall policy is taken from a 'non-policy' standpoint, the LCC still felt it should be documented so as to be available to the public.

The LCC decided to take the position that "while camping on conservation land is not a normal use of the land, recognized nonprofit organizations may seek authorization from the LCC, who will, in turn, review each request on a case by case basis and if approved, will stipulate in each instance that the requisite fire and/or vehicle permits be obtained."

The Secretary was asked to circulate the above language via email for members to consider and then approve or revise at the next meeting. K. Henault suggested placing the final version on the Town website. D. Lievens will contact the troop leader to convey this decision.

George Herrmann arrived.

Conservation land donations plaque- D. Lievens noted that the Town of Candia has placed a plaque in their town offices, honoring those who have donated to land acquisition efforts. It had been suggested recently that Londonderry might want to do the same, perhaps including those who have made some charitable component as part of an acquisition (e.g., a discount sale). P. Nickerson cautioned that some people may not want to be recognized for their donation. D. Lievens asked members to consider the specifics and in the meantime will ask the Town Manager if the plaque could be a possibility.

Possible conservation land- D. Lievens was contacted by a landowner with property north of the Highwood Cold Storage freezer warehouse on Route 128. They have a project proposed that would have its associated parking entirely within the Conservation Overlay District buffer. The impact would total 12,480 square feet. The owner asked if the LCC would consider the back end of the property as mitigation since it is wet and unbuildable. She explained that she would bring it to the attention of the other members but doubted that they would approve of either the parking being wholly within the buffer or spending open space funds on land that is already unbuildable.

DRC's- (7)

1. Murray's Auto Recycling, 15-13

Comments:

The LCC is not clear how the variance voted on January 17, 2007 will apply to the yard operation area. Is yard area grandfathered? LCC recommends a no-cut zone along the edge of wet that is practical, to be negotiated between the Planning Board and the applicant, with the advice of the Conservation Commission.

2. 122 High Range Road condo conversion, 6-6-2

No comments



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3. Iron Wood Real Estate site plan, 15-70-1

Comments:

Snow storage too close to the buffer.

4. Mammoth Road substation, 9-12A and 9-24

Comments:

Any kind of vegetation around mobile substation yard?

Wetland is part of Bear Meadow (a named wetland); should have 100 foot buffer; they might need a Conditional Use Permit.

5. Waste Management lot line adjustment, 15-56 and 15-64

Comments:

No landscaping diagrams to show what is going in the landscape buffer.

No snow storage marked.

6. Crown Holdings, Inc. amendment and waiver request, site plan, 15-2

Comments:

Can the applicant get back to the LCC to confirm that no changes have been made to the plan to confirm that there is no effect on the already voted CUP recommendation?

7. Town of Londonderry wireless communication facility, 9-55A

No comments

CTAP/Conservation Commission Institute- As the LCC representative, M. Speltz reported on the first meeting of this group focused on the I-93 expansion and sponsored by the Community Technical Assistance Program. Conservation commissioners from the 26 towns along the I-93 corridor were shown mapping and conservation planning already completed from which they could benefit. M. Speltz distributed two maps, one for the wildlife action plan, the other showing habitat types and offered to review their details at a later date if members were interested. The National Services Network was also discussed, which is similar to Londonderry's Open Space Committee but with a narrowed study of water supply land, flood storage, agricultural/forest soils and wildlife habitat. In addition, M. Speltz gave the Institute his own presentation on Londonderry's Open Space Plan. The hope is to have all 26 towns develop open space plans similar to Londonderry's. Commissioners were encouraged to submit any ideas regarding these topics to M. Speltz.

M. Speltz made a motion to go into Non Public Session for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition per RSA 91-A:3. G. Harrington seconded.

Roll call vote: Aye, Ken Henault; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye; Truda Bloom; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Mike Speltz; Stephen Fassi present; Mark Oswald present; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Deb Lievens and George Herrmann present

P. Nickerson made a motion to go out of Non Public Session. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.



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P. Nickerson made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non Public Session indefinitely. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

D. Lievens entertained a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 from the Open Space Fund to update an appraisal currently under review by the LCC. G. Harrington so moved. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaye Trottier
Secretary