



Londonderry Conservation Commission

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Present: Gene Harrington (Acting Chair); Mike Speltz; Mike Considine; Ken Henault; Paul Nickerson; Truda Bloom and Mark Oswald

Call to order; 7:32 P.M.

Eagle Scout project; Musquash sign- Londonderry Boy Scout Matt Gleason proposed building and installing a new Musquash Conservation Area sign at the Hickory Hill Road entrance for his Eagle Scout project. As he presented pictures of the area, he explained that in addition to replacing the existing sign, he would clean up the debris around it and replace it with place bark mulch and shrubs. While wood from a large tree stump may become available to him, it is unclear if it is a variety that would last. Pressure treated lumber would be his other choice, which he would stain and engrave with a router.

K. Henault suggested M. Gleason contact the Historical Society because of their previously stated interest in preserving the current sign. G. Harrington noted that the proposed height of two feet off the ground would be insufficient during the winter months and suggested leaving it at the current four foot height. He also advised checking with Town staff to make sure the sign's location is on Town property (i.e. the right of way). Otherwise, he would need to seek permission from Public Service of New Hampshire who owns the abutting land at the end of Hickory Hill Road.

M. Gleason added that he would refurbish the existing kiosk as well, removing graffiti and installing a Plexiglas cover with hinges so that documents, maps, etc. can be easily added but protected from the elements and vandalism. He offered to post information there about plants and wildlife found in the Musquash. After M. Speltz questioned whether the sign should be consistent with the forthcoming signage being considered for all Town owned conservation land, it was then thought that perhaps such a sign could be placed on the kiosk instead. Signage recently posted on the main sign at the request of the Land and Water Conservation Fund could also be relocated to the kiosk. With further regard to consistency, it was also recommended that M. Gleason investigate whether his proposal would be similar to the sign at the Kendall Pond Conservation Area. If the two were greatly dissimilar, M. Gleason could return with a modified plan. He was also asked to return if an issues arose regarding the aforementioned location of the sign.

LCC members debated the actual wording for the sign, deciding it should read "Musquash Conservation Area" with the words "est. 1979 by the Town of Londonderry" underneath. Although the current sign features the acreage of the Musquash, it was decided that since that number is subject to change, it would be best to leave it off entirely (indeed, the amount on the sign now is hundreds of acres short of the current total) . Again, the kiosk would be a better place for such information.

P. Nickerson made a motion that the LCC support Matt Gleason's project to upgrade the sign and kiosk at the Musquash Conservation Area. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0. G. Harrington also signed a document at M. Gleason's request, stating that he had presented his project to the LCC.

G. Harrington appointed M. Oswald to vote for Deb Lievens.



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October 23, 2007 minutes- **T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2007 public session as written. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-3 (K. Henault, P. Nickerson and M. Oswald abstained as they had not attended the meeting).**

M. Considine made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2007 non-public sessions as written. M. Speltz seconded. The motion was approved, 4-0-3 (K. Henault, P. Nickerson and M. Oswald abstained as they had not attended the meeting).

- DRC's-
1. Albird Estates, second design review due to changes, 16-58-28
Comments: Viable access to lot 16-58-6 is not shown. D+F approval should be obtained before plan is approved.
 2. Penske Truck Leasing site plan, 15-103-3
Comments: No snow storage shown.
Conservation Overlay District is mentioned in notes but not shown on plan.
More diverse planting recommended on east side; just white pine shown
Could not find documentation for containment measures for fuel island.
 3. LePine Properties site plan, change in use, 16-86
No comments.
 4. Stonehenge Road subdivision and lot line adjustment, 12-127
Comments: Planning Board should confirm that a driveway to proposed lot 127-1 can be constructed without impacting the existing wetland.
 5. Stonyfield Farm lot line adjustment, 14-44-13 & 14-44-30
Comments: Conservation Overlay District lines should be shown in Parcel A (only partially shown on this plan).
 6. Crowning Holdings, Inc., site plan amendment (proposed outdoor storage), 15-2
No comments.

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, Truda Bloom; Aye, Ken Henault; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Mark Oswald.

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

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



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M. Speltz made a motion to modify a purchase price agreed to in the non-public session of the October 23, 2007 meeting to the amount agreed upon at this meeting's non-public session and to authorize the Chair to enter into a Purchase and Sale agreement at that amount, contingent upon approval by the LCC and the Town Council. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-1 (T. Bloom recused herself).

Town Forest- Initiated by the Fire Department's wish to provide practice in emergency tree removal and furthered by the potential for more area at the Town Common, the LCC has been coordinating with the Town and County Foresters for a thinning of the Town Forest. (see minutes of September 11th, 25th and October 23rd).

Town Forester Charlie Moreno informed the LCC that with the Town's approval, he will flag the most appropriate trees for a licensed logger to take down. M. Oswald apprised the Town Council of the proposal and reported they had no comments or concerns. He will inform Deb Lievens that C. Moreno can begin his inspection.

Open Space bond- M. Oswald noted that he has been working with M. Speltz to organize an argument for the many benefits of open space to convince the Town Council that the Open Space fund should continue to receive their support.

Monitoring- P. Nickerson updated the LCC that monitoring reports for the four easements at Moose Hill have been completed. The Plummer easement is the only major easement that remains and will be done in the very near future.

Draft easement- The Assistant Town Engineer has requested that the LCC supply him with a draft easement that he can pass along to those whose projects in town entail a conservation easement. This would ensure that all of the LCC's standard requests are met by the applicant up front. M. Speltz forwarded him a guide from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests of their model easement. John Trottier replied that was looking more for an actual model easement beyond the guidelines. M. Speltz said it would be difficult to do so and said J. Trottier could contact him to review the issue.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaye Trottier
Secretary