



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Mike Noone, member; Bob Maxwell,
2 member; Deb Lievens, member; Mike Byerly, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member and Susan
3 Malouin, alternate member
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5 **Absent:** Richard Floyd, member; Jocelyn Demas, alternate member; and Town Council liaison member
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7 **Also present:** Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner; Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary
8 and David Ellis, Londonderry resident
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10 Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She appointed M Speltz to vote for R Floyd.

11 **Chris Hickey - Bancroft Rd driveway:** Chris Hickey, engineer from Eric Mitchell & Associates, 106 S River
12 Road, Bedford, NH introduced himself to the Commission. C Hickey told the Commission that he spoke
13 to Eversource about placing the driveway underneath the power lines in the easement to get it as far
14 away from the wetland and buffer. He presented the current proposal for the driveway location to the
15 Commission and reviewed it on the screen with them. He said that the driveway itself and the pavement
16 are not in the buffer at all. He pointed out that there will be some grading and a detention pond at the
17 bottom on the hill that equal approximately 5,000 SF of buffer impact. He asked if the Commission had
18 any questions or concerns regarding this new plan. M Speltz asked if there was going to be a
19 management plan associated with this. C Hickey responded that there will be noting that he has worked
20 with both Town Planner Mailloux and John Trottier, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works &
21 Engineering to have language in the deeds as well as the plans that these will be inspected yearly and
22 reported to John Trottier. M Badois asked who performs the inspection. C Hickey stated that it is up to
23 the homeowner to hire someone to do this. M Speltz asked if the homeowner could self-report instead
24 of hiring someone to perform this. C Hickey said that he was unsure and would have to check the
25 language in the deed. M Speltz suggested that Commissions include a condition to ensure the inspection
26 is done by a qualified third party in the recommendation to the Planning Board. D Lievens made a
27 motion to delegate the authority to the Chair to review the language in the deed and if it is satisfactory,
28 the Commission recommends approval of the conditional use permit (CUP) to the Planning Board. G
29 Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

30 **Girl Scout Troop 10990 – Bunny Cut PSA project update:** Two local Girl Scout members told the
31 Commission what they saw with the first bunny cut in April and May of this year. They said that they are
32 taping their PSA tomorrow with the local cable channel to inform the public why Fish & Game is cutting
33 down the trees. The Commission thanked them for getting the word out and wished them good luck
34 with their PSA.



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35 **Conservation Ranger:** G Aprile informed the Commission that he served the gentleman at 17 Wilshire
36 Drive stating that the gentleman was very responsive and will take care of it. He said that the man is
37 interested in buying the parcel next to his house from the Town. M Badois commented that she did not
38 know why the Commission was given this parcel and what restrictions might be in the deed. She said
39 that she would have to do some investigating and get back to the Commission on this. M Speltz asked A
40 Kizak to email the deed to him so he could review it. G Aprile told the Commission that he received a
41 phone call from Richard Olson regarding noise from the Police Department (PD) and Fish & Game firing
42 range. M Badois said that she thinks the bunny cuts may have made the noise louder, as all the trees
43 that had been buffering the noise were cut down. G Aprile said there was also a call last Saturday at 8:20
44 a.m. reporting an explosion noise coming from Faucher, Kimball and Alexander Road. He stated that he
45 called M Badois to let her know and immediately went over there with the ATV and rode around for two
46 hours, but did not find anything or hear anything. M Badois said that she also walked around the area
47 and did not see or hear anything. He noted the main call for the explosion came from 44 Kimball Road. G
48 Harrington said that there are people who go in to the woods with a type of target called Tannerite,
49 which explode, and that might be what someone heard. M Badois informed the Commission that she
50 had placed a no motorized vehicle sign at the beginning of the state's land behind 16 Teton Drive, but it
51 is gone now. She commented that the sign could have been on the residents land at 16 Teton and he
52 took it down. She asked the Commission if they would like to see boulders on the state's land instead of
53 a sign to block the trails so no ATVs can pass. She said the land is the state of New Hampshire's with a
54 conservation easement. G Aprile told M Badois that he would go out to that area tomorrow to
55 investigate and report back. M Byerly suggested putting up a camera here to see if there is any more
56 ATV activity.

57 **Unfinished Business**

58 **Mike Considine memorial:** M Badois told the Commission that they are waiting for the bench.

59 **Scobie Pond vegetation:** M Badois told the Commission that all plants in Scobie Pond are native. She
60 informed the Commission that she received an email from New Hampshire Department of
61 Environmental Safety (NHDES) that stated there were no new invasives found in any water bodies in the
62 state this year.

63 **NHACC Nov 2nd:** M Badois presented the Commission with a pamphlet of courses that they are offering
64 and suggested people attending for the first time should take Fundamentals of Conservation, as you get
65 a manual with this class.

66 **DOT site at Gilcreast:** M Badois told the Commission that she did not get to walk into the site and take a
67 look at where the log is that needs to be removed.



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68 **DOT site on South Road:** M Noone told the Commission that the state oversees this land, and it was his
69 understanding that the NHDOT may be allowed to transfer the land to the Commission for conservation
70 purposes when all of their work is done with the land. He said he was not sure if the state had
71 completed the work they needed to do with this land. M Speltz stated that he believed it was a five year
72 program the state was working on and he thinks they are finished. M Noone said that this land would
73 form a contiguous piece of conservation land and he thought it would be nice to have a trail as there is
74 water access. He said he was going to reach out to the NHDES compliance officer first and would report
75 back to the Commission.

76 **Hickory Hill:** M Badois told the Commission there was nothing new to report.

77 **Kendall Pond:** M Badois informed the Commission that the new gate is in and passed out pictures of it.
78 She said that the gate only cost \$134.00 dollars as opposed to the \$1,400 if the Commission went
79 through the Town, so a vote was not needed just an expense report.

80 **Gilcreast Rd – Orchard Soil Testing:** A Kizak said someone from EnSafe Inc., had been in to review the
81 file, but she did not have any other information to report.

82 **Monitoring – Wilshire Dr:** M Badois said that she had received an email regarding setting up the LCHIP
83 properties. M Noone asked when the Commission wanted to monitor Mack's and Plummer properties.
84 The commission said Mack's should be done after Halloween and Plummer could be done in October.

85 **Stream brochure:** M Noone said that A Kizak has the appropriate software to do this and they are
86 targeting the spring time for this task. M Speltz suggested the Commission start thinking about a roll out
87 plan for this brochure.

88 **WRMPP:** A Kizak told the Commission that she had nothing new to report this week. She said that she
89 would have information for the Commission at the next meeting.

90 **Turtle signs:** M Badois told the Commission that they need to be folded up October 1, 2019.

91 **Articles:** D Lievens said that J Demas wrote an article about putting your gardens to bed for the next
92 article. She said she was confused when M Speltz's article printed last week as she thought they had
93 already run his article. She commented that she does not know when an article by the Commission will
94 be run in the Times again. M Badois stated that it appears that the Commission is actually one article
95 ahead of schedule. M Speltz asked if the stream brochure could be used as a series of articles. M Byerly
96 told the Commission that in his opinion, he did not think it would be a problem to publish an article
97 every month with the Times.



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98 **Hike:** M Byerly told the Commission that the hike will be this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. starting at the
99 Mathis trailhead for a total of 3.8 miles.

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101 **New Business:**

102 **Liberty Drive:** M Badois informed the Commission that the deed has been recorded and noted that this
103 might be a potential spring project to create a scenic overlook with picnic tables on this land. M Speltz
104 said that the Commission should contact Trailways and see if they would like to do something on this
105 land.

106 **Historical Society walk 10-13:** D Ellis told the Commission that the walk is tentatively scheduled for
107 October 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., lasting two to three hours, starting from Rolling Ridge and noting that
108 they will sit on Old Dunstable rock for a while and talk.

109 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the minutes from September 10, 2019. B Maxwell made a
110 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

111 **Adjournment:** M Byerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. G Harrington seconded the
112 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

113 Respectfully Submitted,
114 Beth Morrison
115 Recording secretary