



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Bob Maxwell, member; Deb Lievens, member; Richard Floyd, member; Jocelyn Demas, alternate member; Mike Speltz, alternate member and Susan Malouin, alternate member

Absent: Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Mike Noone, member; Mike Byerly, member; and Town Council liaison member

Also present: Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She appointed J Demas to vote for M Byerly, M Speltz to vote for M Noone and S Malouin to vote for G Harrington.

Unfinished Business

Mike Considine memorial: M Badois passed out pictures for the Commission to review of the Mike Considine bench that was put in the Musquash noting it was a private ceremony with his friends. She said that she told them the Commission is going to rename the Shoots & Ladders Trail the Mike Considine Memorial Shoots & Ladders Trail.

Scobie Pond vegetation: M Badois asked if anything else should be done this year about the vegetation. D Lievens suggested that nothing else be done this year and added that she will find out what is considered an infestation of native vegetation and what can be done. She asked if the vegetation was impeding the use of the pond. B Maxwell said that he believed it would impeded the use as it is blocking much of the boat ramp. M Badois said that she would put this item on hold until 2020.

NHACC Nov 2nd: M Badois informed the Commission that she signed up today and that if you sign up before October 15, 2019, you can receive the discounted price.

DOT site at Gilcreast: M Badois told the Commission that G Harrington walked the trail and noted there were three trees down on the trail. She said that G Harrington is away this week and when he gets back he is going to go out there with his chainsaw to see if he can get the trees out of the way.

Hickory Hill/Eversource: M Badois commented that she received a response from Eversource and they are concerned about the culverts in the Commission's request as they have had bad experiences with culverts backing up and flooding neighborhoods. She said that Eversource asked her if there is a way to engineer the two crossings without culverts. B Maxwell commented that one such culvert is crushed plastic at this point and that has not backed up. M Badois asked if she should talk to John Trottier, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering, about an alternative to culverts, such as deep gravel.



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33 M Speltz told M Badois that she should contact J Trottier and ask what the best engineering solution
34 would be and then forward that information to Eversource.

35 **Gilcreast Rd – Orchard Soil Testing:** D Lievens reported that staff from EnSafe interviewed Bob Lievens,
36 prior owner of the property, regarding past agricultural activities.
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38 **Monitoring:** M Badois said that they will be monitoring the Plummer property on October 26, 2019.

39 **Stream brochure:** A Kizak said there was no update at this time.

40 **WRMPP:** A Kizak told the Commission that the last set of comments had been sent to the contractor.
41 She commented that she is working with the contractor to do three presentations, one to the steering
42 committee and Conservation Commission, one to the Planning Board and one to the Town Council.

43 **Turtle signs:** M Badois told the Commission that the Staff from the Department of Public Works and
44 Engineering had placed bolts on the signs, so that they can be folded. She said that she would be able to
45 go out there and fold up the signs.

46 **Historical Musquash walk 10/13:** M Badois informed the Commission that the walk is scheduled for
47 October 13, 2019 meeting at the Sara Beth Trailhead at 1 p.m.

48 **New Business:**

49 **Rail Trail contribution:** M Badois noted that that the Rail Trail is ready for the \$100,000 contribution
50 from the Commission that was authorized in November 14, 2017.

51 **Finances:** D Lievens told the Commission that they have received \$59,000 from Current Use this fiscal
52 year with an account balance of \$1.5 million dollars.

53 **Tennessee Gas maintenance:** M Badois informed the Commission that she received a letter regarding
54 the maintenance that will be performed along their route. A Kizak noted that there are two different
55 types of maintenance work that is being done, one is the sacrificial anodes off Pillsbury Road and the
56 second is sign posts. She said the sign posts is what the Commission was notified about. M Speltz asked
57 A Kizak about a contradiction in the anode letter and asked if she had any information on this. A Kizak
58 said she did not have any information and asked M Speltz to send her an email and she would forward
59 his question to the right person.

60 **Broken trail post:** M Badois said there is a broken trail post at location #27. She told the Commission
61 that she has a post and just needs help getting it out there and digging a hole. R Floyd said that he has a



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62 post hole digger. M Speltz suggested that G Aprile use the ATV and help get the pole out there. B.
63 Maxwell will install it once the post is on site.

64 **Cooperative Extension:** M Badois told the Commission that the Cooperative Extension is updating a
65 brochure booklet called "Conserving the Land" that will be released in November. She is going to get
66 some hard copies for the Commission.

67 **Tree Farm:** M Badois said the Commission received notification that it is time to recertify the tree farm
68 in the Musquash. D Lievens noted that Charlie Moreno should have also been notified and he will do
69 this. She said that M Badois should reach out to Charlie Moreno.

70 **Kendall Pond Gate:** M Badois told the Commission that the cost to install the gate was \$240.00, which
71 is less than the \$2000.00 that was previously approved for the Kendall Pond improvements that
72 included a gate, picnic tables and a viewing platform. She noted that this does not need a vote, it will
73 just be an expense.

74 **Dues:** M Badois informed the Commission that it is time to pay the NHACC dues which total \$1075.00.
75 She noted that the amount of the dues is based on the size of the Town and not the number of people in
76 the Commission. D Lievens made a motion to pay the NHACC dues of \$1075.00 from the line item
77 budget. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

78 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the minutes from September 24, 2019. B Maxwell made a
79 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Speltz seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-2,
80 with R Floyd and J Demas abstaining.

81 **Adjournment:** J Demas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. B Maxwell seconded the
82 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

83 Respectfully Submitted,
84 Beth Morrison
85 Recording secretary