



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
Minutes

**Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Mike Noone, member; Mike Byerly, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member; Susan Malouin, alternate member; and Jocelyn Demas, alternate member

**Absent:** Richard Floyd, member

**Also present:** Deb Paul, Town Council liaison member; Amy Kizak, GIS Comprehensive Manager, Officer Aprile, Conservation Ranger; and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with a roll call vote. She appointed M Speltz to vote for R Floyd

**Conservation Officer:** Officer Aprile told the Commission that the trails have been packed with the nice weather and most residents being at home. He stated that he wanted to go over what he has done over the last month with the Commission. He noted that a couple weeks ago, M Badois asked him for help to keep the ATVs out of the turtle nesting site. He said that he met up with Paul Shack, from the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Engineering and Josh from Fish & Game to move boulders with the excavator to block off the entrance. He mentioned that there were overnight campers at Kendall Pond conservation area noting that two people were arrested and the fire department had to put out the camp fire as it was still hot. He commented that he teamed up with a new Conservation Officer from Fish & Game to show him the trails where the ATVs are the most active to see if he has any ideas. He pointed out that there was illegal dumping at 15 Gilcreast Road, where the resident was taking yard debris and dumping it into the conservation area. He said that the resident was spoken to and will not dump the yard debris there anymore. He stated that at 33 Gilcreast there was a resident trimming some of the conservation area and he talked to the resident noting that the resident will not trim anything else without talking to the Commission first. He said that 59 South Road had a truck dumping dirt, but the resident was renting, so he contacted the landlord and he came down. He noted that this can be traced back to the big Mother's Day flood and he is going to contact his attorney to get a dredge and fill permit as he wants to fix up the area. He told the Commission that he believes there should be a no parking sign near the gate of Kendall Pond, as people park there and block the gate, which would be bad if they needed to get in emergency vehicles. He commented that he was near the power lines near West Road and saw two people on ATVs noting that they did not stop for him, so he put on his sirens and arrested one of them. He noted that this person was also issued a violation for landowners' permission of not being allowed on the property for which the fin is \$248.00. He mentioned that the three cameras had 15,500 images from the month of April and nothing other than some ATV activity to report on. B Maxwell said that before COVID a normal month of pictures would be 3,000-4,000. M Speltz asked if there was a way to get a write up in the Times about the arrest and fines that occurred on the power lines near West Road. Officer Aprile said he would check into it. M Speltz suggested that this could be a conservation column and would be willing to draft it, but would want to make sure the facts



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are correct. Officer Aprile said he would check in with someone in administration and get back to the Commission. S Malouin suggested that if they do the column, she would recommend they do not put in the names, as it could cause problems for the individual later on in his or her life. The Commission agreed with S Malouin. M Byerly suggested using the column to raise awareness especially regarding the power lines and fines. Officer Aprile said that Eversource will not give anyone permission to ride ATVs on the powerlines. He noted that the only place to ride ATVs in Londonderry would be your own yard or someone else's land with a written note in your pocket. B Maxwell commented that he would focus a column on the animals and protecting conservation land rather than using it to scare people. Officer Aprile told the Commission that he does a daily log and would be happy to share those with the Commission. The Commission thanked Officer Aprile for all his hard work.

**Unfinished Business**

**Island donation:** M Badois told the Commission that the Town Council will be addressing this on their June 1, 2020, meeting.

**DOT:** M Badois told the Commission that they drafted a letter on why the land should be donated to the town and are waiting for a response.

**ATV traffic:** M Badois commented that the blockade put in by DPW and Fish & Game will be very helpful. She said that Fish & Game is going to be putting up cameras to watch the turtle activity.

**Maps:** M Badois told the Commission that she submitted an order and is awaiting them. She mentioned that she does have some extra maps if anyone needs them.

**Turtle signs:** M Badois told the Commission that she drove by today and put orange survey tape to catch people's attention so they will not miss the signs. She asked if the Commission wanted to replace the two signs that were stolen. She said that the Commission should also find a way to lock them so they are not stolen again. D Lievens made a motion to authorize the Chair to order up to four turtle signs to expend no more than \$250 from the Conservation Fund. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0 with a unanimous roll call vote.

**New Business**

**Formal Submissions:** A Kizak told the Commission that the Planning Department is going to tell the Commission when they receive new formal submissions to try and streamline the process and not miss anything. M Noone asked what a formal submission was. A Kizak reviewed that a formal submission is when an application will go before the Planning Board, usually after the DRC process. She illustrated how to view the applications on Map Geo with the Commission as well as on the Town's webpage. M Speltz commented that this would have prevented anything like the third row of apple trees on Gilcreast. A Kizak said that she was not sure if it would help with that. M Speltz asked how the



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75 Commission would be able to identify a new formal submission. A Kizak said that she could add it to the  
76 agenda for every meeting. The Commission agreed.

77 **Monitoring:** M Badois told the Commission that they received a check from LCHIP for monitoring for  
78 \$400, which would be deposited into the Conservation Fund. D Lievens said that she had not gone back  
79 and looked for the old check. A Kizak said that the Commission received the check from LCHIP for getting  
80 the 2019 monitoring report in on time.

81 **91:A:** M Badois informed the Commission that 91:A training is next Tuesday, June 2, 2020, which will be  
82 held via a Zoom webinar. M Speltz asked if this would be recorded for a later viewing. M Badois said she  
83 was not sure, but would hope it would be recorded.

84 **Blazing:** M Noone said that B Maxwell was at another conservation area in another town and saw  
85 plastic trail blazes, which might last longer than spray painting them. He said that he does not know the  
86 last time the trails were blazed and asked if the Commission should reach out to Trailways to see if they  
87 would like to help them with the blazes as a joint project. J Demas commented that the plastic blazes  
88 have to be replaced every five years or so and asked what happens with the old ones. B Maxwell said he  
89 thinks they can be recycled, but is not sure. M Badois said she could check on aluminum as well. J Demas  
90 said that she likes the blazes that B Maxwell saw, as they are rectangular. M Noone asked if M Byerly  
91 would ask Trailways about this at his next meeting. M Byerly said that he is not a big fan of the plastic or  
92 aluminum and likes a more natural approach with the painting. He stated that he did not see the  
93 maintenance being different from the painting versus the plastic. He said he would bring this up at his  
94 next meeting. M Badois asked if there was a difference between painting and spray paint. M Speltz said  
95 he could find out what kind of paint would last the longest. He said that the Appalachian Mountain Club  
96 just does the width of a brush and asked why they did not convert to plastic. He said that the  
97 Commission might want to reach out to the other conservation commissions and see what they are  
98 doing. M Badois said that the plastic squares could be vandalized versus painting directly on the tree. M  
99 Byerly suggested breaking this up in sections rather than trying to do all the trails at once.

100 **Appraisal:** M Speltz told the Commission that he believes by the second meeting in June there will  
101 probably be an appraisal for one of the properties they had discussed at a prior meeting.

102 **Re-opening:** A Kizak informed the Commission about the possibility of having an in-person meeting for  
103 the second week in June, as Town Hall is reopening to the public on June 15, 2020. D Lievens voiced her  
104 opinion that the Commission should be careful and safe in regards to future meetings.

105 **WRMMP:** M Badois told the Commission that Town Planner Mailloux emailed her and will have an  
106 update by the second meeting in June, as she will be able to have in-person meetings with the various  
107 department heads.

108 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of May 12, 2020. M Byerly made a motion  
109 to approve the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed by a  
110 unanimous roll call vote, 7-0-0.



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111 **Adjournment:** M Byerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. B Maxwell seconded the  
112 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a unanimous roll call vote, G Harrington, D Lievens, B Maxwell, M  
113 Byerly, M Noone, M Speltz, J Demas and S Malouin.

114 Respectfully Submitted,  
115 Beth Morrison  
116 Recording secretary  
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