



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Minutes

Present in-person: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Mike Byerly, member; Mike Noone, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member; and Jocelyn Demas, alternate member

Present by calling in by phone: Bob Maxwell, member; Deb Lievens, member; and Susan Malouin, alternate member

Absent: Richard Floyd, member

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

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

Unfinished Business

Monitoring/Blazing: M Byerly told the Commission that he has 18 volunteers to go out and re-blaze the Musquash. He said that he divided the Musquash into 11 trail sections, which should allow everything to get done in one day. He noted that they are meeting at 10 a.m. at the middle school this Saturday, but he is waiting on the paint and will have to postpone it if it is not here on Friday. M Speltz asked if they would be using stencils. M Byerly responded that he has them if people would like to use them, but it is not necessary. J Demas asked if they still have to monitor Mack's property. Officer Aprile replied that Mack's property still needs to be monitored noting that he is going to go out with B Maxwell to take care of it. J Demas said she could help if needed. M Speltz explained that on the west side of Mack's property, there is a small-town owned lot that has been flagged and might be a potential encroachment. M Noone replied that was taken care of it already and Officer Aprile was involved last year. Officer Aprile noted that he has gone back a couple of times and there is no brush/encroachment that he observed.

Stream Brochure: M Badois told the Commission that they are ready to send it out. She noted that B Morrison will run the envelopes through the postage machine and then the Commissioners can put them together.

NHACC annual conference recap: M Badois informed the Commission that S Malouin sent links to the two sessions that she attended. D Lievens said that she attended a couple of classes and would send the links to the Commission as well.



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33 **Butterfly garden fundraiser:** M Badois told the Commission that the Green Team is holding a fundraiser
34 where they will be selling a package of seeds for a pollinator garden, next Sunday, November 15, 2020,
35 at 50 Nashua Road, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. She noted that they will be accepting
36 cash and checks at this time. D Lievens asked to whom the check should be made out to. M Badois
37 replied "Green Team of Londonderry."

38 **Plowing:** M Badois asked if there was any update on plowing the parking lots for conservation areas this
39 winter. J Demas said that she had reached out, but had not heard back yet. She said that she would
40 check back at a later date.

41 **Signs:** B Maxwell told the Commission that he took down the sign at the western end of Heron Trail that
42 goes to Litchfield State Forest. He said that the trail is very prominent and noted that Litchfield might
43 want to put a private property sign to try and stop people from using it.

44 **New Business**

45 **Expense approval: RCCD, NHACC:** M Badois told the Commission that she has two expenses for
46 approval, noting she received permission from the Town Manager.

47 M Byerly made a motion to pay the invoice for the New Hampshire Association Conservation
48 Commissions dues of \$950 from the line item budget. G Harrington seconded the motion. The motion
49 passed, 7-0-0.

50 G Harrington made a motion to pay the invoice from Rockingham County of Conservation Commission
51 of \$650 for monitoring of Ingersoll from the line item budget. M Byerly seconded the motion. The
52 motion passed, 7-0-0.

53 **Wetlands Council:** D Lievens informed the Commission that the Wetlands Council reviewed all the ARM
54 grant applications today and used most of the money they had to offer. She noted that the Wetlands
55 Council announced for next year the projects would be in the Salmon Falls area, which means that there
56 will not be opportunity for the Merrimack River until the following fiscal year. She commented that the
57 Wetlands Council is putting together a program offering information to communities to get different
58 kinds of projects, moving away from culverts, land acquisitions, and other normal projects. She said that
59 she would get this information for the Commission.

60 **Maps:** B Maxwell commented that he has three to four weeks of maps left. M Noone said that he
61 thought the Commission bought 2,000 maps last time and there was a price break. M Noone made a
62 motion to expense up to \$1,000 for 2,000 maps from the Conservation Fund. M Byerly seconded the
63 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

64 **NHDOT letter:** M Badois asked M Speltz if there was a list ready in response to the letter the
65 Commission received from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). M Speltz replied



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the list was in the packet the Commission had in front of them this evening. He commented that he is thinking of either expanding the comment column on the current list or dedicating another column to explain specifically how the property meets the criteria set forth in the letter. He noted that the letter went to other Boards/Commissions and asked if A Kizak could find out what specific parts of the letter each Board/Commission would address. A Kizak replied that most of the Boards/Commission the letter was sent to are handled in the Planning Department, so they would compile the comments together. A Kizak explained that the Commission should focus on aspects of the letter the Commission normally handles and the other Boards/Commissions will do their part. D Lievens voiced her concern about invasives being monitored correctly. She mentioned that if the Commission were to go out now, they might not see everything related to invasives and asked if there was a deadline. M Speltz asked A Kizak if there was a deadline. A Kizak replied that she would check on this and get back to the Commission. M Speltz asked if D Lievens knew of any specific locations, the Commission should include that in their letter. D Lievens replied that she would do a drive by and get back to the Commission. M Speltz concluded that he would revise the list and get back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Forest Management Plan: M Badois informed the Commission that Charlie Moreno emailed her and would like to attend the December 8, 2020, meeting to discuss a management plan. She said that the tree farm status needs to be updated with a management plan, as the deadline has been missed. She noted that rather than lose the tree farm status, it can be dropped down to pioneer level, which does not require a management plan. She added that the Commission can bring it back up to full tree farm status once the management plan is in place.

Encroachments: Officer Aprile gave the Commission an update on Essex Court and Abington Drive encroachments, noting that there were four properties that were encroaching into the Conservation Overlay (CO) district. He met with the property owners on October 24, 2020, and walked the property with them. He commented that there are some things that need to be removed. He said that he told them to cease maintaining it and the residents mentioned that they are going to hire a lawyer to see if they can continue to maintain the property. He informed the Commission that last week he had a meeting with A Kizak, Town Planner Mailloux, Mike Malaguti and Laura Gandia to discuss this issue. He went on noting that they decided that anyone that borders conservation land is going to have a letter sent to them and schedule a walk through the property to address any issues. M Badois asked if there were any structures in the CO district. Officer Aprile replied that there was one shed. M Speltz asked if Officer Aprile was comfortable finding all the monuments for the properties in question. Officer Aprile responded that he is using all the tools he has to resolve the issues.

Other Business

Minutes: The Commissioners went over the public minutes of October 27, 2020. M Byerly made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote, 6-0-1, with D Lievens abstaining.



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102 **Non-Public Session**

103 M Byerly made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 to consider the acquisition, sale or
104 lease of real or personal property which for discussion purposes be likely done to the party or parties
105 interested are adverse to the general community. The motion was seconded by G Harrington. The
106 motion was passed by M Badois, D Lievens, B Maxwell, M Noone, G Harrington, J Demas (present), M
107 Speltz (present), and S Malouin with a unanimous roll call vote. M Byerly made a motion to leave non-
108 public session and to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely per RSA 91-A:3. G
109 Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

112 Respectfully Submitted,
113 Beth Morrison
114 Recording secretary