

Londonderry Conservation Commission Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Minutes

1 Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Bob Maxwell, member; Deb Lievens,

member; Mike Byerly, member; Mike Noone, member; and Susan Malouin, member

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Absent: Mike Speltz, alternate member; Jocelyn Demas, alternate member; and George Herrmann, alternate member

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Also present: Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner; Deb Paul, Town Council Liaison; and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

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Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

- 12 Musquash Field Day recap: M Badois told the Commission that it turned out to be a nice day, noting
- 13 the trails were in fabulous condition. G Harrington noted that at Kendall Pond there were two residents.
- 14 M Badois commented that there were eight residents for her hike and some were new to Musquash. B
- 15 Maxwell pointed out that there was someone from Derry Conservation Commission as well.
- Cross Farm staff update: A Kizak told the Commission that in their October 13, 2020, meeting during 16
- 17 the DRC for Cross Farm they asked if the commitment to use green-pro and fertilizer without phosphate
- 18 would be in the condominium documents. She noted that the condominium documents were already
- 19 written and would need a vote of 67% of the unit owners to pass an addendum to be recorded, which
- 20 would be difficult to do. She commented that a suggestion was that they could put this restriction on
- 21 the site plan, which would memorialize it. She read from the Commission's Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
- 22 recommendation stating: "D Lievens made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the
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- conditions that there will be no phosphorus used in fertilizer applications and the salt truck operators
- 24 will be certified as presented on the plan dated October 6, 2020. M Byerly seconded the motion. The
- 25 motion passed, 6-0-0." She mentioned that the Planning Board included these items as conditions of
- 26 approval for the Cross Farm CUP and site plan. She explained that to address these conditions,
- 27 Benchmark Engineering added note #30 to the plan which states: "Units within phases 4, 5 & 6 shall not
- 28 utilize fertilizers or lawn care products containing phosphorus. All winter salt maintenance in these
- 29 phases shall be conducted by a green snopro certified applicator." She asked if this note was satisfactory
- 30 for Cross Farm to meet the conditions of approval from the October 13, 2020, meeting. She noted that
- 31 this will be recorded at the registry of deeds. B Maxwell commented that the Commission can enforce it
- 32 when they violate it. M Badois stated that they will have a contract with their landscaper and the
- 33 Commission could ask to see it and possibly add it as part of the monitoring responsibilities. M Byerly
- 34 said he was okay with the note on the plan and the Commission could send a letter to the homeowners
- 35 telling them that this is a condition of their property and the Commission will be monitoring it. The
- 36 Commissions consensus was that they are okay with the note on the plan.



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New Business

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38 **Trail map/sign:** M Badois noted that someone told Mike Byerly that the signs in the Musquash do not

match the map and that a sign post was backwards. M Byerly told the Commission that he went and

40 took a look at the Faucher post, noting the post is correct and the post matches the map, but the map

on the kiosk is out of date. A Kizak commented that she can replace the map on the kiosk and would do

42 so when she was back from vacation. M Noone asked if it was the map on the trailhead or the metal

43 map on the sign post. M Byerly replied that it was the map at the trailhead. M Noone said the post maps

44 are metal, noting they were made by Trailways and may be old as well. M Byerly suggested the

Commission might want to perform an audit every spring of the posts and maps to make sure that there

46 are no errors.

47 **Bills:** M Badois informed the Commission that there have been quite a few bills presented at the state

48 that are up for a vote, which she thought were important. She said that HB82 would allow a governing

49 body to renegotiate a conservation easement to be able to make changes, HB158 is expanding the

definition of prime wetlands, HB199 is adding soil health to RSA 432:3, SB48 is stating that the formula

for calculating land use change tax can be made public as apparently it is confidential now and lastly

HB108 refers to requirements of the minutes on non-public meetings being sealed or unsealed. M Byerly

asked if these bills were under consideration or have passed. M Badois replied that most are under

54 consideration, but HB108 regarding non-public minutes passed because it goes into effect January of

2022. M Badois pointed out that she received an email today stating that New Hampshire Department

of Environmental Services (NHDES) has filed a law suit against Saint-Gobain for not complying with the

57 requirement of its emissions, which could shut them down until they comply.

58 Encroachments: M Noone told the Commission that he has been working with Mike Malaguti, Town

59 Solicitor, and Officer Aprile on potential conservation area encroachments. He noted that one such

encroachment identified was a permanent structure where a variance was granted in 2009. He asked if

anyone in the Commission had any knowledge or history on variances being granted where the

62 conservation land was an abutting property. M Byerly commented that if standard practice is followed,

63 the abutting neighbors would be notified that a variance was being requested and can go to the meeting

to speak for or against it. M Noone mentioned that the town owns all the conservation property and

65 thought that there is a by-law that all conservation properties in town are under the stewardship of the

66 Commission. He inferred that it would make sense that the Commission should be notified if a variance

is requested with conservation land as an abutting property. G Harrington said that in his experience it

68 has varied quite a bit, but the Commission should be notified in a situation like this. M Noone said that

69 through all these potential encroachments, they hope to amend the building permit process. He noted

70 that if there is a building permit where the conservation property is the abutting property, this should

71 be inspected.

Other Business



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- 73 Minutes: The Commissioners went over the public minutes of February 9, 2021. B Maxwell made a
- 74 motion to approve the minutes as presented. M Noone seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0
- 75 by a roll call vote.
- Adjournment: M Byerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. G Harrington seconded
- the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 78 Respectfully Submitted,
- 79 Beth Morrison
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