



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Minutes

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

Absent: Jocelyn Demas, alternate member

Also present: Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner; Mike Malaguti, Town Prosecutor; and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

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

Unfinished Business

Musquash trails: M Badois asked what the Commission would like to do about the signs and maps not matching. M Byerly replied that he started a tracking sheet to try inventory all the posts when he has been out in the Musquash. He shared his screen with the Commission and reviewed his findings. M Badois asked if the Commission should do a deliberate trail inventory. M Byerly responded that if the group would like to do this, they can, or have Commissioners report back to him on their findings when they are out in the trails, and he can update the spreadsheet.

Property: D Lievens told the Commission that she saw a for sale sign on the Higgins property and asked if anyone knew of a change in ownership. M Badois replied that she would look into this and get back to her. M Speltz commented that he believes there are two separate easements on the Higgins former property, and with a change of ownership, the Commission is supposed to be notified. He added that in their next easement monitoring, it would be appropriate to introduce themselves to the new owner.

New Business

Drought 2021: M Badois noted that she gets the weekly drought updates from the state and it looks like this year is going to be a repeat of last year. She mentioned that it would seem prudent to put in place water conservation practices now along with public education suggesting that this might not be the year to do any big landscaping projects. She added that she is going to ask the Town Council if they would put in place alternate day watering restrictions now.

Saving Special Places 4/9 & 4/10: M Badois told the Commission that they should have received an email from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) about this event, which will be virtual. She noted that it will be a couple hours each day. She added that NHACC is having a zoom webinar about invasive plants on town property at noon on April 7, 2021.



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DRC: Mack Subdivision (Map 9 Lot 49): M Speltz told the Commission that the first document to look at this evening is the survey plan. He reviewed the plan on the screen with the Commission, noting that it is a pretty straight forward subdivision. He pointed out that on the very northern corner of the property, there is a small encroachment, about 27 feet deep, where the LAFA baseball field was built on the Mack property. He mentioned that he does not know how the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is going to react to this, but suggested that there be an agreement with LAFA that in such time that LAFA has to rebuild the field, it will be moved out of the encroachment area. He pointed out that it is not over the well-head protection area and hopes that NHDES will not be concerned about it. M Noone asked if LAFA got permission from Mack to do this. M Speltz replied that he looked through files in the Planning Department today and he cannot find anything. G Harrington made a motion to recommend approval of the Mack subdivision with the provision that if LAFA ever rebuilds the field to remove the encroachment. D Lievens seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a unanimous roll call vote.

M Speltz reviewed the deed with the Commission. He asked if the version that was sent to the Commission had the word "passive" in front of outdoor recreation. M Byerly replied that it did not. M Speltz commented that was an oversight on his part and stated that this would be corrected as NHDES will want this. He noted that the property can be used for recreation activities such as hiking, bird watching, photography, but not active recreation, such as a baseball field. M Badois asked about a timeline. M Speltz reviewed the particular timeline with the Commission noting that he thinks that it can be done, which is why it has been fast tracked.

M Speltz reviewed the management plan with the Commission. He noted that the specific requirements are dictated by the grant program, stating that he did not see anything objectionable in there. M Noone commented that when they subdivide the property, they should mark off the divide between the town and conservation land. M Byerly asked why there are a lot of references to paid town staff in the plan. M Speltz responded that is a little political, as not all Conservation Commissions are like Londonderry's, and he is trying to impress NHDES that there are paid staff who will continue to do the job in the future. M Speltz mentioned that if this is a normal subdivision, there would be conservation signs that would need to be shown on the plan. He suggested having the applicant show the placement of the signs on the plan. M Noone commented that the Commission has these signs and can put them up when they do the first monitoring. M Byerly asked about consulting outside experts in the plan, and asked if the Commission wanted to lock into this or make it more a suggestion. The Commissioners agreed to change the wording to "may" regarding consulting outside experts in the plan. M Badois asked if they need to do a baseline before NHDES approval. M Speltz replied that NHDES will not give them the money until there is a baseline.

Other Business



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68 **April 7, 2021:** A Kizak reviewed the agenda for the April 7, 2021, Planning Board meeting with the
69 Commission. She said that if any member has any questions or concerns about any of these projects,
70 they can submit them in writing to Town Planner Mailloux or attend the virtual meeting.

71 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of March 9, 2021. D Lievens made a motion
72 to approve the minutes as amended. M Byerly seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a roll
73 call vote.

74 The Commissioners went over the non-public minutes of March 9, 2021. D Lievens made a motion to
75 approve the minutes as presented. G Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a
76 roll call vote.

77 **Adjournment:** M Byerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. G Harrington seconded
78 the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0, by a roll call vote.

79 Respectfully Submitted,
80 Beth Morrison
81 Recording secretary
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