



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Minutes

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

Absent: Mike Byerly, member; Jocelyn Demas, member; and George Herrmann, alternate 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 M Speltz to vote for M Byerly.

Unfinished Business

Water Resource Management Plan: M Badois asked if the Commission thought someone from The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) should/could create a presentation. A Kizak told the Commission that Town Planner Mailloux contacted someone from NHDES and they will be at the September 8, 2021, Planning Board meeting with information on the model ground water ordinance, and the Commission will be invited to attend. M Badois said that the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) is having a zoom lunch presentation on September 1, 2021, on source water protection grant program. M Speltz asked if the Commission should discuss the model ordinance that A Kizak emailed them last meeting. M Badois said that it is very early on in the process. M Speltz suggested the Commission to read the ordinance so that they will have some understanding.

Kendall Pond vandalism: M Badois told the Commission that she received a letter of apology from the offenders, as well as the money.

Old Home Day: M Badois told the Commission that she had all the supplies and asked if they should set up the night before or that morning. B Maxwell asked what the hours were. M Badois replied that she thought it was from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. B Maxwell noted that they could probably set up in the morning versus Friday night. M Badois said that the weather might be the deciding factor. M Speltz stated that the Commission originally wanted to do a walk through the new orchard and include some people from NHDES, but they have not received the grant yet. He said that the grant application was considered on the August 3, 2021, Governor & Council meeting, and David Wheeler had a question on where the price came from. He said that he believes he answered the question, and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting on August 18, 2021. He mentioned that he does not want to make a commitment if the Commission is still awaiting the grant funds. B Maxwell asked if the Commission owns it with or without the grant. M Speltz replied that the Town owns the land outright, but he wanted someone from NHDES at the walk.



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Wetlands council: D Lievens informed the Commission that she was at the Wetlands Council today and NHDES has a new webpage that has a geodata portal with custom maps. She pointed out that there is a lot of information on their webpage, such as tracking impacts, which is a really great tool for the Commission. She commented that because they are tracking all the impacts they will prioritize projects that fix the impacts in the service areas. She mentioned that she thought it might give the Commission a little edge perhaps. She noted that she would love to work with the Department of Public Works & Engineering (DPW) and help them understand the grant process. M Speltz commented that he spoke to John Trottier, Director of DPW, about ARM grants and asked if A Kizak was approached about this. A Kizak replied that they know about it and sometimes the timing of the project needs to happen faster than the time to find a grant.

Electric Bikes: B Maxwell commented that he believed the Commission should keep up with what is going on, as some are not for trails, in his opinion. He said that he believes it should not be in the Musquash, as those trails are not going to be good for them.

New Business

Conservation Ranger: Officer Aprile informed the Commission that there have been some changes as of recently, and he wanted to come discuss those. He stated that when M Noone resigned, J Demas took over the position. He noted that they are going to take a softer approach with encroachments going forward. He went on stating that J Demas is going to send a letter on Commission letterhead first and Officer Aprile will follow up if needed. He commented that with one of the encroachments he worked on, the resident voiced his concern that a police officer at your door is very alarming. He said that law enforcement will be the second contact after the letter from the Commission. A Kizak added that they are going to make sure to do research and be clear on what is going on before they send a letter. M Speltz mentioned that J Demas might need some help with this as she has a full time job and children. A Kizak commented that she met with J Demas and Officer Aprile noting that she did not seem overwhelmed with sending a letter at this point. Officer Aprile pointed out that he would be doing all the follow up. A Kizak reiterated that she would be doing most of the research on why there is an encroachment. Officer Aprile asked if the Commission liked getting emails with updates. The Commissioners replied that they liked the updates. Officer Aprile said that he reviewed over 11,000 images over about a month and a half from the camera. He remarked that last week someone went down and vandalized some areas in Kendall Pond again, but does not believe it is the same offenders from last time given their sentences. He said that both himself and B Maxwell went down and sanded off the graffiti. He commented that he informed the SRO's at the schools to see if they are familiar with the graffiti tags. He informed the Commission that he has been asked to attend one meeting a month and he is going to be at the first meeting of the month. He pointed out that he is going into his third year in this position. M Badois asked if Officer Aprile thinks this position has made a difference with the ATV activity. Officer Aprile replied that he believes it has. B Maxwell mentioned that before the Conservation Ranger position there was one spot by the sand dune by Faucher that had a lot of ATV activity in the past and tracks are much less frequent in the past year. He noted that they are running along the power lines and M Badois agreed. Officer Aprile noted that they are coming in on the Litchfield side as well. B



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74 Maxwell said that Continental Paving put jersey barriers, but they have been removed. Officer Aprile
75 noted that hunting season will start and the ATV activity will pick up. He pointed out that there is no
76 legal place to ride an ATV in Londonderry without the permission of the land owner.

77 **Adams Pond Trail:** B Maxwell noted that when he has been putting maps there he noted that the trail
78 was flooded. He commented that his assumption was there is a pipe that runs between Mack's pond to
79 Adams pond that gets clogged. He said that he looked at the dam today and it looks okay and he
80 believes the water level is lower at Adams Pond from where it used to be. Officer Aprile asked if this was
81 the Commission responsibility. B Maxwell replied that historically Mack's took care of it and said he
82 believes it is a hard job. Officer Aprile asked if he should go talk to Mike Cross, Manager of Mack's. M
83 Badois replied that would be a good first step. B Maxwell mentioned that when Mack's took care of this
84 before, it was a courtesy to the town, as it does not affect apples. M Speltz asked how wide the culvert
85 is. B Maxwell replied that he thinks two to two and half feet. M Speltz noted that this is used for
86 overflow. He asked if Mack's use this pond for irrigation. B Maxwell replied that he has never seen them
87 use that for irrigation.

88 **Bunny cuts:** Officer Aprile asked how much land they cleared because in his opinion it worked, as there
89 are a lot of bunnies. B Maxwell commented that if anyone from the Commission has not been in the
90 White Trail, they should go look because it really is an emerging forest.

91 **Open positions:** M Speltz asked where the Commission stands on open positions. A Kizak noted that
92 she is working with Kirby Brown, Executive Assistant, on the postings.

93 **Other Business**

94 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of July 27, 2021. B Maxwell made a motion
95 to approve the minutes as amended. D Lievens seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-1, with S
96 Malouin abstaining.

97 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: 23 p.m. B Maxwell seconded
98 the motion. The motion passed, 6-0-0.

99 Respectfully Submitted,
100 Beth Morrison
101 Recording Secretary