



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Minutes

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

Absent: Mike Byerly, 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. M Badois appointed M Speltz to vote for M Byerly.

Unfinished Business

Sign for Mack parcel: M Badois told the Commission that she called her contact, but has not heard back. She added that she asked local historians as well, but they did not have an answer.

Stantec Agreement: M Badois noted that she signed and returned the agreement for Stantec to design the entrance to the Musquash.

New Business

Grants and Legislation: M Badois told the Commission that she gets a lot of emails regarding new grants that are coming out. She gave an example of grant money available for recreational projects, which made her think of the entrance to the Musquash. M Speltz asked who was funding the grant. M Badois replied it was from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation. She pointed out that they would need to submit an intent to apply by April 29, 2022. D Lievens asked how much money the grant would be for. M Badois read from the email noting that New Hampshire has been apportioned more than \$47 million in program funding for state recreation projects. M Speltz said that this money has traditionally gone to federal agencies, but we are now seeing the benefit of The Great American Outdoors Act that passed two years ago. M Badois read from the email again to the Commission, noting that grants are available on a reimbursement basis and may be used for the development of facilities and/or acquisition of land for public outdoor recreation. D Heafey asked if the Commission has to come up with the money first and then be reimbursed. M Badois replied that it does sound like that or perhaps that is just one option. D Heafey commented that the agency that is managing all the American Relief Plan funding is called the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) and offered to make some calls to find out more information. M Badois replied that would be great. She asked about the septic grant that was approved. M Speltz replied that it is a study to identify vulnerable septic systems in town. A Kizak mentioned that the Planning Department is awaiting an intern to help out with the research this summer, noting that the project has not started



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34 yet. M Badois asked if there were similar programs related to residential buried oil tanks. A Kizak replied
35 that she does not know. M Badois mentioned that she ran into this problem at work regarding a buried
36 oil tank that was 40-years old, and thought this was also important to locate them, as the oil companies
37 should report them. M Speltz said that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
38 (NHDES) keeps a database, but did not think it contained residential properties, just commercial and
39 residential. M Badois added that she looked on the NHDES site and it was all related to commercial. She
40 stated that there is a tank replacement assistance for qualifying residents through NHDES. M Speltz
41 pointed out that you cannot put in an underground oil tank anymore, but there are some that have
42 been grandfathered in.

43 M Badois moved on to legislation, stating that she has a hard time figuring out where a bill is on the
44 website, specifically HB307. She said that HB307 prevents towns from implementing gun control laws
45 stricter than the state. D Lievens offered to check into HB307 and get back to her. M Badois mentioned
46 that HB307 would prevent the Commission from banning target shooting in the Musquash. M Speltz
47 suggested using the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) website, as they
48 are very good with keeping up-to-date on conservation specific bills. M Badois mentioned that there is
49 another bill where any lot that is an acre or more in size serviced by water and sewer can have four units
50 on it. M Speltz noted that there has been a lot of discussion on both sides of this issue, with advocates
51 stating this is a way to alleviate the housing shortage in New Hampshire, but people against this believe
52 it is too broad and may have unintended consequences. He pointed out that there is a site called Plan-
53 link, which is an online forum for discussion regarding planning and zoning, but does include
54 conservation matters as well.

55 **Vacancies:** M Badois asked A Kizak if the vacancies were posted. A Kizak replied that she did not know,
56 but would get back to the Commission.

57 **Ranger report:** Officer Aprile told the Commission that a bobcat has been seen in the parking lot at
58 Town Hall and around Moose Hill School as well.

59 **Rabbit:** M Badois noted that the eastern cottontails are in south Londonderry. M Speltz added that he
60 saw a lot of rabbits last year at his house, which was the first time in 15-years that he has seen them. M
61 Badois mentioned that she has lived here for 30-years and last year was the first year that she saw a
62 rabbit run across the road. She asked how this would impact the New England cottontail habitat. G
63 Harrington commented that a potential bigger issue would be the rabbits going after residents' gardens.
64 M Speltz mentioned that he thought the New England cottontails would not go into the gardens. M
65 Badois told the Commission that she emailed the rabbit habitat contacts, but never heard back. Officer
66 Aprile added that the rabbits are back as he received many calls for foxes last spring, as residents do not
67 think foxes should be out in the day.

68 **Other Business**



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69 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of February 22, 2022. M Speltz made a
70 motion to approve the minutes as amended. D Heafey seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0-1,
71 with D Lievens abstaining.

72 The Commissioners went over the non-public minutes of February 22, 2022. M Speltz made a motion to
73 approve the minutes as presented. D Heafey seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0-1, with D
74 Lievens abstaining.

75 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. D Lievens seconded
76 the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

77 Respectfully Submitted,
78 Beth Morrison
79 Recording Secretary