



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Minutes

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

Absent: Mike Byerly, member; Richard Floyd, member; Jocelyn Demas, alternate member; and Town Council liaison member

Also present: Conservation Officer Aprile

Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Conservation Ranger: Officer Aprile told the Commission that cameras have picked up with ATVs and side-by-sides noting that he saw fresh tracks when he was out there for a few hours Saturday, Sunday and today. He said that the ATVs tried to get into the Musquash, as he followed the tracks noting they turned out and could not get in. He commented that the conditions on the trails can be dangerous now.

Unfinished Business

Hickory Hill/Eversource: M Badois informed the Commission that she met with Eversource and Eversource is running into many problems along the power lines. She said that people assume they can put up signs on Eversource's poles, which is actually trespassing. She mentioned that at Hickory Hill Eversource does not want people to drive under the power lines to park and would like the Commission to look for another place for the main entrance. She suggested, based on the Commission's experience with Kendall Pond, that people be able to pull directly into the parking lot and not have to drive farther into the site for parking. She commented that Eversource suggested looking into land along a right-of-way that the Commission owned or could acquire noting that Eversource would clear big trees from said right-of-way, which would help them and help the Commission. She stated that she spent hours looking over the land in question, but she did not find a solution. She noted that Eversource has also started looking at the land again for a solution. M Noone said that Hickory Hill is centrally located and did not think it would work to have parking at Alexander or Tanager as they are not centrally located. M Badois stated that she believes Faucher Road could be a potentially good spot for parking, but would have to clean up the bridge. M Noone remarked that he did not see why the Hickory Hill site could not be used and blocked off to prevent future ATV use. M Badois said that Eversource mentioned that people could potentially get shocked by parking under the power lines, but she told them where people are parking now is closer to the power lines, and she has never had a report of anyone getting shocked. G Harrington offered that Eversource has power lines that cross over an existing right-of-way noting that the Commission is asking to use or create a right-of-way under their power lines. M Badois said that she



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34 suggested placing big logs on the side of the new parking to help prevent future ATV use. B Maxwell
35 suggested placing big boulders to discourage any future ATV use. M Badois said she also told Eversource
36 that the Commission is working with NH Fish & Game as well on how to prevent ATV use. She stated
37 that she told them her idea of meeting with Eversource, NH Fish & Game and New Hampshire
38 Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) as this is a state-wide problem. M Speltz suggested
39 contacting, Doug Thomas, a member of the Energy Committee in the House of Representatives for help.
40 He mentioned that he would speak to the Forest Society's legislative representatives and see if they
41 would be interested in helping as well.

42 **DOT land:** M Badois told the Commission that there is nothing new to report.

43 **Gilcreast Road - Orchard Soil Testing:** M Speltz told the Commission he would contact Steve Cotton,
44 Administrative Support Coordinator, again to get an update.

45 **Monitoring:** M Badois told the Commission that there was nothing new to report.

46 **WRMPP:** M Speltz informed the Commission that he has a meeting scheduled with Amy Kizak, GIS
47 manager/Comprehensive Planner and Colleen Mailloux, Town Planner, the first week in March. M
48 Badois said she could be available to come to the meeting if needed.

49 **Articles for the Londonderry Times:** D Lievens told the Commission that she has emailed her contact to
50 check the status of the articles.

51 **Musquash Field Day:** M Badois commented that she was disappointed with the overall turn out, but
52 thought it was a fabulous turn out for the Mike Considine dedication. She suggested having the speaker
53 in the first half of the event in the future, as people tend to leave half way through the event. She said
54 that they had \$144 total in the donation bucket and thanked someone who graciously gave \$100
55 donation.

56 **Pollinator:** S Malouin said that the presentation is confirmed for March 24, 2020. She said they would
57 bring a thumb drive, as the presentation is too big to email. M Speltz suggested reaching out to Amy
58 Kizak to make sure that a thumb drive is permitted. S Malouin said she would email Amy to confirm.

59 **E-Bike issues:** B Maxwell told the Commission that Trailways confirmed that e-bikes are allowed on the
60 Rail Trail. He said that he believes the Commission should wait to see if e-bikes are classified as
61 motorized or not. M Speltz suggested checking in with NHACC to see if they have made a
62 recommendation on e-bikes.



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63 **Bird Walk:** M Badois said the walk is scheduled for May 23, 2020, at 9 a.m. She told the Commission
64 that she thought a good location was at Faucher Road, as the public could see three different stages of
65 rabbit habitat cuts and how the birds are affected/interact.

66 **Stream Brochure:** M Noone said that Amy Kizak wanted to hold off until March on this and asked for it
67 to be put into the agenda. M Badois said she would place this on the March agenda.

68 **New Business**

69 **Finances:** D Lievens reviewed the Conservation Fund with the Commission. She said the line item
70 budget has \$1,400 in it right now. M Badois asked D Lievens to review what the Commission used the
71 line item budget for in the past. D Lievens said that the Commissions' dues are paid out of this, as well
72 as RCCD monitoring. M Noone said that he did not believe any more ATV signs need to be purchased as
73 Officer Aprile recently acquired some from NH Fish & Game.

74 **Trail Day:** M Badois told the Commission that M Byerly is the liaison for the Commission with Trailways
75 on this and would get a report when he is at the next meeting.

76 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of February 11, 2020. G Harrington made a
77 motion to approve the minutes as amended. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0-3,
78 with D Lievens, M Noone, and M Speltz abstaining.

79 M Badois appointed M Speltz to vote for R Floyd and S Malouin to vote for M Byerly.

80 **Non-Public Session**

81 M Speltz made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 to consider the acquisition, sale or
82 lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties
83 whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. The motion was seconded by G
84 Harrington. The motion was passed by M Badois, D Lievens, B Maxwell, M Noone, G Harrington, M
85 Speltz, and S Malouin with a unanimous roll call vote. G Harrington made a motion to leave non-public
86 session and to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely per RSA 91-A:3. M Noone
87 seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

88 G Harrington made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Commission's
89 part of the appraisal for parcel A referred to in the Non-public session. B Maxwell seconded. The
90 motion passed 7-0-0.



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91 G Harrington made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Commission's
92 part of the appraisal for parcel B referred to in the Non-public session. B Maxwell seconded. The
93 motion passed 7-0-0.

94 G Harrington made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Commission's
95 part of the appraisal for parcel C referred to in the Non-public session. B Maxwell seconded. The
96 motion passed 7-0-0.

97 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. B Maxwell seconded
98 the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

99 Respectfully Submitted,
100 Beth Morrison
101 Recording secretary
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