



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Draft Minutes

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

Absent: Jim Leary, alternate member

Also present: Michael Bazegian, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner; Kellie Caron, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Economic Development; Glenn Aprile, Conservation Ranger

M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Ray Breslin, 3 Gary Drive, thanked the Commission for what they do. He expressed concern over the impacts to water in the town. He feels the members' expertise should have an effect on those who make decisions for the town and they should be listened to. He feels developers have the right to develop land within zoning regulations. He thinks citizens should speak about these issues and should receive responses to legitimate questions.

Justin Campo, Londonderry Finance Director, said there have been questions at recent meetings about the Town's finances. He offered to answer any financial questions the Commission had to reassure them everything is being taken care of appropriately. M. Badois clarified they had no questions about what he is doing. They are getting used to a new way of doing things. D. Lievens said her issue is getting used to the time lag and the different system. She had no complaints and said Sarah has been very helpful. J. Campo said the accounts will be switched to a new bank in the near future that will accrue interest. M. Speltz asked about the Land Use Change Tax being divided between the General Fund and the Conservation Fund and J. Campo explained the process. M. Speltz thanked J. Campo for the work he has done to help the Commission obtain funding for the boat launch at Scobie Pond. J. Campo urged the Commission to ask him when they have questions.

Old Business

Stantec Invoice

M. Badois presented an invoice for \$3,033.35 for the rare plant inventory done by Stantec on Hickory Hill. The original estimate was reduced, as D. Lievens performed part of the survey. D. Lievens questioned the details of the charges and said the Commission should be very clear as to what they are requesting in the future.



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G. Harrington moved to approve payment of \$3,033.35 from the Open Space fund to Stantec. B. Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

RCCD Monitoring Reports

M. Badois shared four monitoring reports with the Commission, two for Merrill's and two for Sunnycrest. There were yard debris encroachments/issues found at Sunnycrest. The Commission discussed who should notify the landowner when there is a violation and agreed the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) should do this, as they are the easement holder.

The Commission discussed the Ingersoll property and whether there was a report done last year.

D. Lievens moved to authorize Chair Badois to sign a contract not to exceed \$1,000 with RCCD to monitor the Ingersoll property. T. Macarelli seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Lithia Springs

M. Badois is waiting for the Eagle Scout leader to contact her regarding building a kiosk for Lithia Springs.

M. Speltz reported the Forest Society is negotiating to share the monitoring of Lithia Springs with LCHIP, which would relieve the Commission of the responsibility of writing the report. However, the Commission has a responsibility under the grant agreement to monitor it, so they would tag along to fulfill this obligation.

Mack's Orchard Sign

M. Badois said they hope Town staff will install the sign and discussed a location for it. K. Caron asked for the information to be sent to her, so she can follow up.

New Business

Nevins Tree-Cutting Policy

D. Lievens recused herself from the discussion.

Steve Feinberg, 9 Morrison Drive, appeared before the Commission to discuss a list of rules to help the Nevins Retirement Association interpret the existing ordinance and 25-foot variance regarding permitted activities within the conservation buffer zone. He reviewed the background that led to the creation of this checklist, including the process he underwent to remove hazardous trees that threatened his house.

K. Caron clarified that the variance permitting encroachment into the 25-foot conservation overlay district buffer was granted in June 2017 for the Association to maintain the existing lawn behind the 22



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units. She said it is appropriate for the Commission to continue to advise property owners on the best practices to maintain that area.

The Commission affirmed that the guidance provided adequately reflects the variance and the existing ordinance. M. Badois agreed the Commission would send an email to Nevins stating this and include the rules as an attachment, to avoid confusion.

D. Lievens, 105 Gilcreast Road, is a new resident at Nevins. She said the drawing is confusing and she does not understand how the buffer line was established. K. Caron explained there is land owned by the Nevins Association, the wetlands, and the buffer in relation to the wetlands. M. Speltz said he believes it is the original wetland delineation that was established when the development was approved.

D. Lievens returned to the discussion.

Scobie Pond Boat Launch

M. Speltz said the grant has been approved for the Scobie Pond boat launch.

Conservation Ranger Report

G. Aprile reported that an individual was caught shooting deer at night in the orchards with a crossbow. He also reported a pickup truck damaged property in the easement off Trolley Car Lane and the driver was issued violations.

Additional Comments

Responding to Mr. Breslin's comments, M. Speltz noted a summary of the action items from the water study and the Master Plan that affected natural resources was developed in the past. He said the Planning staff committed to working through the list. K. Caron acknowledged she has seen the list and will forward it to Town Planner Bennett to address.

G. Harrington said Twin States Clean Energy Link has received support from the federal government for their project and it seems to be moving forward. He likes the project but not where the power substation might be located, which appears to be in the Musquash. M. Speltz said the National Grid briefed the Utility Committee on the project and indicated the location will be northwest of that parcel. The Commission agreed they need to know where this substation will be located.

Approval of Minutes

October 24, 2023



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119 On lines 52 and 53, spelling correction to Moreno.

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121 ***G. Harrington moved to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2023, meeting as amended. D.***

122 ***Lievens seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with S. Malouin abstaining. The motion passed 6-0-1.***

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124 **Adjournment**

125 ***G. Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Heafey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all***
126 ***were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.***

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128 The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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130 Respectfully submitted,

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132 Beth Hanggeli

133 Recording Secretary

