



Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Draft Minutes

**Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Susan Malouin, member; Michael Speltz, alternate member

**Absent:** Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Tiffani Macarelli, member; David Heafey, member; Jim Leary, alternate member

**Also present:** Michael Bazegian, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner

M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. She appointed M. Speltz to vote for G. Harrington.

**Site Plan App**

**Freestone Holdings, LLC - 59 Rockingham Rd – Map 12 Lot 60-3**

Representatives appeared before the Commission to discuss this project. They reviewed the project, which is a commercial industrial site with two buildings that will be built in phases, with associated parking and access. One building will house offices and equipment to shape exterior stucco-like materials, while the other does not yet have a tenant. They reviewed the proposed stormwater drainage system and landscaping. They noted the existence of wetlands, but said they will not be affecting them.

The Commission had no comment on this project.

**Old Business**

**Trail Work**

M. Badois said she does not believe the bikers did the trail work this weekend, due to the inclement weather.

D. Lievens expressed concern about the plan for the new trail in that it puts a lot of trail in the open space. M. Speltz concurred and noted the area is getting congested. D. Lievens said the Commission needs to be careful of over-trailing the Musquash. She believes bikes will have more impact on the land and the animals than walkers.

The Commission agreed to keep this in mind in the future, and that the existing trails need to be maintained. They noted their appreciation of the individuals who are currently maintaining the trails.

**Merrill Closing**

M. Speltz verified that the Merrill property has closed. He mentioned recognizing the Merrills in some way. He suggested conducting a "round-robin tour" of the three newest properties: Merrill, Lithia Springs, and the apple orchard, and is waiting for a response from the Town Manager. M. Badois requested a copy of the deed and M. Speltz will contact the title company to obtain it.



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### Signs

**Mack's:** M. Badois said she delivered the sign for Mack's to the Planning Office in November, as Maintenance is going to install it.

**Lithia Spring:** M. Speltz suggested building a kiosk that could display a sign as well as additional information. The Commission discussed where this should be located.

**Merrill:** They discussed the need for a sign on this property and suggested contacting Merrills to see if they would be open to putting a sign on the farm side of the property that acknowledges their gift.

### Beavers in the Musquash

M. Badois reported the beavers are back, now the water is open. The residents on Red Fern asked if the beaver expert could return to trap the beavers. The Commission discussed the difficulties involved in installing a beaver deceiver. They agreed to ask the expert to return and stressed the need to schedule it before kits are born.

### Stantec

M. Badois received a bill from Stantec for \$920. She noted the Commission voted in February 2022 to spend up to \$15,000 on preparation for the parking lot; however, this bill notes the total is up to \$18,000. D. Lievens said that due to their accounting system, the amount of money the Commission has is not reflected exactly in the statement.

M. Badois said New Hampshire Fish & Game is involved with the driveway construction and has specific guidelines for it to protect wildlife.

***B. Maxwell moved to raise the total payment to Stantec not to exceed \$20,000. M. Speltz seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

### Financial Report

D. Lievens reported she received a large deposit. The Commission discussed possible needed expenditures, including reprinting maps and creating Lithia Spring signs. D. Lievens will contact the Heritage Commission regarding the Lithia Spring signs and the possible cost.

D. Lievens shared the financials through January. She noted they have changed banks, which has resulted in a better interest rate. The balance as of January 31, 2024, was \$596,686.78.

### New Business



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**Target Shooting in the Musquash**

M. Badois has heard complaints regarding target shooting in the Musquash. She said it appears to be occurring close to the trail. She noted Ranger Aprile is recovering from shoulder surgery. D. Lievens suggested making sure the signs haven't been removed from the access points. She said the rules should be posted on the Commission's Facebook page.

**Saving Special Places**

M. Badois noted Saturday, April 6th, is Saving Special Places and suggested Commission members sign up for classes of interest.

**Approval of Minutes**

*B. Maxwell moved to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting as presented. D. Lievens seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor except D. Lievens and M. Speltz, who abstained. The motion passed 3-0-2.*

**Adjournment**

*D. Lievens moved to adjourn the meeting. B. Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hanggeli

Recording Secretary

