

Londonderry Heritage/Historic District Commission Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

June 23, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Sunnycrest Room

MINUTES

- I. Chairman Kryz Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following Commissioners were present: David Colglazier, John Mahon, Art Rugg, Jim Butler, and Kristin Endyke. Absent: Commissioner Sue Joudrey and Alternate Commissioner Laura Schenkman. Staff Associate Planner: Laura Gandia.
- II. Kent Allen Forest - Dave Wholley, Director of Public Works and Municipal Facilities, initiated a discussion of a proposed extension of the existing gravel trail in the Kent Allen Forest by about 100' to Mammoth Road. (On June 7, 2022, Commissioners held a Special Meeting on site to view the area in question.) The primary purpose of this extension is public safety. The extension would allow larger vehicles, such as fire and police apparatus, to access the Kent Allen Forest from Pillsbury Road and then exit onto Mammoth Road without turning around, currently a difficult if not impossible task. Battalion Chief Bo Butler, representing LFD Chief O'Brien, and Deputy Chief Kim Bernard, representing LPD Chief Hart, spoke in strong support of this extension. Commissioner J. Butler asked if a permit from the state would be required for the curb cut on Mammoth Road and was advised that a preliminary discussion with the state indicated their view that this would be akin to a "driveway" and that there would be no line of sight issues, an indication that a permit would be granted without difficulty. Commissioner Butler was also advised that no additional taxpayer money would be needed for this project as the DPW would be able to handle this with current operational funds and on-hand supplies. Beyond safety, this extension is timely to the DPW's intention to add another coat of recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) to this Kent Allen Forest trail. Dave Wholley also detailed the Commission on the pillar and chain gate planned for the Mammoth Road access. This gate would be secured by a Knox Box with keys for the LPD, LFD, and DPW. The gate would be setback sufficiently from the road to allow an ambulance or police car to pull in, open the gate, and then drive onto the trail. L. Gandia detailed the Commission on the need for a public hearing on this project since the Kent Allen Forest is a historic property in Londonderry. Following said hearing, the Commission could grant a certificate of approval should it so vote to do so.

Action: A. Rugg made a motion to proceed to a public hearing on July 28; J. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0.

- III. Adjournment – At 7:35 pm, A. Rugg made a motion to adjourn; D. Colglazier seconded. The motion passed, 6-0.

These meeting minutes were approved on July 18, 2022 by a vote of D. Colglazier and seconded by J. Mahon.