



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Minutes

1 **Present:** Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Mike Byerly, member;
2 Roger Fillio, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member; Julie Christenson-Collins,
3 alternate member and Richard Floyd, alternate member

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5 **Absent:** Mike Noone, member; and Ted Combes, Town Council member

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7 **Also present:** Justin Jolicoeur, Londonderry resident and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

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9 Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She appointed J Christenson-Collins to vote for M
10 Noone.

11 **Justin Jolicoeur, Musquash Trails:** He informed the Commission that he is here tonight to discuss his
12 Eagle Scout project. He stated that he walks the Musquash trails frequently and has noticed that some
13 trails are not marked or labelled completely and one trail, Piper trail, is not on the map. He explained
14 that his objective is to improve Musquash trail signs, junction signs and maps. He stated that he would
15 be performing an inventory along with a cost estimate for the Commission. M Badois informed J
16 Jolicoeur that the "You are here signs" have a template that can be printed now and can be put on a
17 metal sign base. M Badois stated that the Commission has at least 10 posts. M Byerly asked if his focus
18 was mainly on the posts. J Jolicoeur answered that he wanted to do the whole project including signage.
19 M Byerly commented that just recently the Commission did a project and put up about a dozen new trail
20 signs. He stated that the Commission has missing posts and posts that do not have signs on them, which
21 he thought J Jolicoeur could focus on. R Fillio asked J Jolicoeur what trail is not on the map. J Jolicoeur
22 pointed on the trail map what trail was missing for the Commission. M Speltz stated that trail cannot be
23 maintained. M Byerly reiterated that the Commission does not want Piper trail to be a new trail. M
24 Badois suggested putting logs across it to make it look unappealing. M Speltz suggested that J Jolicoeur
25 should go out and perform an inventory of what posts need signs, what intersections need posts and
26 signs and any other trails that are not on the map, and then either meet with M Byerly or come back to
27 the Commission with the results.

28 **Old Business**

29 **Musquash Field Day - February 17, 2018:** M Badois informed the Commission that she is having a
30 meeting with Greg Jordan on Thursday morning at Hickory Hill to talk about his presentation for
31 Musquash Field Day. M Badois stated that Greg Jordan would do a presentation on "forest improvement
32 harvest" and educate people on what it is and what it is not. J Christenson-Collins stated that there is no
33 way to edit the flyer that was used last year, so she started a new template this year. She stated that she
34 would like to get the times for the presentations and guided trail walks to put on the flyer. M Speltz
35 stated that he could send J Christenson-Collins a picture to put on the flyer. M Badois commented that
36 she had told Greg Jordan 10:30 a.m. for his presentation, as she thought it would give people time to



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37 arrive. She noted that G Jordan would start his presentation at the entrance and make his way to the
38 landing. D Lievens asked if there was going to be an article in the Londonderry Times. R Fillio stated that
39 the Commission would have an article in the Londonderry Times and he would like it to run twice, next
40 week and the following week. J Christenson-Collins asked if there was going to be guided trail walks. G
41 Harrington stated that he could do a guided trail walk at either 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. G Harrington asked if
42 David Ellis was going to be presenting cellar holes. M Badois stated she thought that he would be. G
43 Harrington stated that David Ellis should do the cellar holes at 11: 30 a.m. and then he could do the
44 guided walk at 1 p.m. J Christenson-Collins stated there would be a scavenger hunt and snowshoeing if
45 the weather permits. She asked if the Commission was going to invite the Town Council this year. M
46 Badois stated that she would be at a Town Council meeting on February 5, 2018, and she would invite
47 them. J Christenson-Collins asked about the fire permit. R Fillio stated that he would stop by the Fire
48 Department and let them know. M Badois stated that the Commission has a letter from Kevin Smith,
49 Town Manager, giving the Commission permission. J Christenson-Collins asked about firewood. R Floyd
50 and R Fillio stated that they would get the firewood.

51 **Kendall Pond:** M Badois informed the Commission that she talked to Steve Cotton who is working on
52 the gate. She stated that Steve met with a local gate company and felt the best type of gate would be an
53 electric sliding gate made of galvanized tubing with a twelve foot opening, in case emergency vehicles or
54 DPW equipment need to get in, operated by either a remote button or timer with an open and close
55 schedule. She stated that the gate might be able to be controlled by the Londonderry Police dispatch
56 and Eversource will need to put in a pole in order to power the gate. She stated that Steve is also looking
57 into surveillance. B Maxwell asked if the logs would stay there until there is a gate. M Badois answered
58 that the logs would stay there.

59 **Educational signs for the Rail Trail:** M Badois stated that Sandy Lagueux would like the Commission to
60 make three signs for the Rail Trail. M Badois stated Sandy is asking for locations and topics. M Speltz
61 suggested that the Commission could do a sign at each of the major wetlands, with one at peat bog and
62 Little Cohas Marsh. He also suggested a third sign topic on what is an Appalachian pine forest that he
63 thought would work somewhere on the stretch between exit 5 and North School. D Lievens asked how
64 big the signs are. M Speltz stated they were two by three feet, which could be five or six pictures with a
65 narrative. M Byerly suggested putting up a sign at the beginning, near North School, that might give a
66 layout of the entire trail. M Badois and M Speltz stated they would be in touch with Sandy.

67 **Articles for Londonderry Times:** D Lievens informed the Commission that Paul Margolin sent the
68 Commission's first article to the Times. She stated that the Times would need another article for April.
69 She stated that she thought a good topic would be a general overview of what the Conservation
70 Commission is, for example what specific RSA the Commission falls under and the general duties of the
71 Commission. She pointed out that she would be happy to write this article for the Times.



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72 **Elyse from Eversource:** M Badois stated that Elyse would like to go over what the Commission wants
73 Eversource to leave at Hickory Hill. M Badois stated that there are mats and gravel down there now. G
74 Harrington stated that the mats and gravel are underneath the power lines and he thought Eversource
75 was going to leave them there. M Badois stated she would call Elyse.

76 **New Business:**

77 **Mathes Trail:** M Speltz informed the Commission that that the land owners have given the Commission
78 an informal commitment to maintain the land. He noted that the Commission should write a letter to
79 New Hampshire Fish and Game stating what the Commission would like to do and see what the
80 response is. M Badois stated that some members should go walking out there to see what the
81 Commission's ideas would be. B Maxwell suggested a kiosk and parking there. M Speltz suggested going
82 up to Concord and meeting with New Hampshire Fish and Game and presenting them a plan of what the
83 Commission would like to do. He concluded that he would reach out to his contacts and ask.

84 **Projects for 2018:** M Badois stated that the Commission had previously started a list of where gates are
85 needed to keep 4-wheelers out for Eversource and asked if this is something the Commission would like
86 to work on. M Byerly stated that a list was given to a contact person at Eversource, but there has been
87 no further work done. M Badois stated she would research the contact person for Eversource and follow
88 up. She also asked if the open-space plan should be relooked at as well as doing improvements to
89 Kendall Pond. M Speltz commented that the Commission could invite the owners of top parcels who
90 want to sell their land in for a meeting and explain the open-space plan to them. He also stated that it
91 might be time to review or update the open-space plan and possibly re-rank the parcels. M Byerly
92 suggested maintaining the forestry in the Musquash for a project. D Lievens stated that was all in
93 Charlie's management plan. M Speltz asked if the consensus of the Commission was to review and edit
94 the open-space plan. The Commissioners agreed. M Speltz offered to lead the open-space review
95 subcommittee and asked the Commissioners to look it over before the next meeting.

96 **DRCS**

97 **Airport LLA (Map 28 Lots 19 & 20-2-1):** The Commissioners reviewed the DRC for Airport LLA with no
98 comments.

99 **Family Tree Estates Subdivision (Map 16 Lot 58-1):** The Commissioners reviewed the DRC for Family
100 Tree Estates subdivision. The Commissioners commented that what is called a drainage easement on the
101 plan appears to be a detention pond. The Commissioners pointed out that the wetland permit
102 referenced on the plan does not match the Commission's files. The Commissioners also commented that
103 the plan fails to show Conservation Overlay buffers.



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104 **Ford of Londonderry (Map 7 Lots 73-3, 6, 9, 10):** The Commissioners reviewed the DRC for Ford of
105 Londonderry. The Commissioners commented that the variance and waivers requesting a reduction in
106 green space will be harmful for the overall aesthetic appeal of the town when entering from Exit 4. The
107 Commissioners recommended that the reviewing engineers ensure that the drainage system can handle
108 the large increase in impervious surface and its accumulative effects over the four parcels. The
109 Commissioners requested the removal of existing gravel within the buffer. The Commissioners pointed
110 out that there is no indication of who the wetland scientist is for this plan.

111 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes from January 9, 2018. D Lievens made a
112 motion to accept the minutes as amended. M Byerly seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-1,
113 with D Lievens abstaining.

114 **Non-Public Session**

115 D Lievens made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of discussing a
116 matter related to property acquisition. The motion was seconded by G Harrington. The motion was
117 passed by M Badois, D Lievens, G Harrington, M Byerly, B Maxwell, M Speltz, R Floyd and J Christenson-
118 Collins with a unanimous roll call vote. M Byerly made a motion to leave non-public session and to seal
119 the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely per RSA 91-A:3. R Fillio seconded the motion. The
120 motion passed, 8-0-0.

121 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. J Christenson-Collins
122 seconded the motion. The motion passed, 8-0-0.

123 Respectfully Submitted,
124 Beth Morrison
125 Recording Secretary