



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; G Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Mike Byerly, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Susan Malouin, member; David Heafey, member; and Mike Speltz, alternate member

Absent: None

Also present: Amy Kizak, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner; and Beth Morrison, Recording Secretary

Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. M Badois appointed M Speltz to vote for an open alternate position.

Unfinished Business

Term Renewals: M Badois noted that M Speltz and G Harrington were reappointed at last night's Town Council meeting and S Malouin is on the agenda for next month.

Field Day: M Badois informed the Commission that Officer Aprile has secured both K-9 Officers for a demonstration. She said that she was unsure if they will be there for the whole event or just a specific time. She noted that she has emailed and called New Hampshire Fish & Game (NHFG), but has not received a response. She added that the Commission could also add a hike to the event. She explained that she is making a flyer for a press release as soon as the time is confirmed for the K-9 Officers. She commented that she made a shopping list based on previous years and asked if anything should be changed. M Byerly replied that he would wait and take the weather into consideration as they get closer to the event regarding supplies. M Badois mentioned that even the cold weather does not deter most people from coming. B Maxwell pointed out that the grill was slow last time and asked if it had been fixed. M Badois replied that she wants to test the grill beforehand, as she has cleaned it out really well. B Maxwell remarked that the conditions in the Musquash are wildly variable. D Lievens asked if there are areas where someone cannot safely pass through. M Badois stated that we are supposed to get snow this weekend, which is just what is needed to cover the ice. D Lievens suggested cookies, especially with the K-9 Officers coming. B Maxwell mentioned that he will get firewood, but will need a trailer or a sled to help. He asked how long Eversource is going to be in there. M Badois replied that she would email them to find out. She said that there is one more meeting before Musquash Field Day to make sure everything is taken care of.

Empty descriptions in Outdoor Recreation Guide for Musquash Points of Interest: D Lievens mentioned that she sent the proposed verbiage for the empty descriptions to the Musquash map to M Badois and M Speltz. She asked G Harrington when the cut was done. G Harrington asked if D Lievens was talking about a cut in the Musquash itself. D Lievens replied that was correct. G Harrington



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commented that Overlook was cut by PSNH when they cut the power lines through in 1981 or 1982. D Lievens noted that she has no idea how big the Musquash swamp is. M Speltz commented that he used the GIS map to measure it before. D Lievens asked if A Kizak can update the missing descriptions. A Kizak replied that she would. B Maxwell told D Lievens that he emailed her asking if she wanted to update the New England Cottontail Restoration Area. He pointed out that it is described as shrub/scrub, but now it looks like an emerging forest, if that is a real term. D Lievens suggested the wording as an early successional forest and said she would look into this and pass it along to A Kizak. M Speltz mentioned that he believes the Musquash swamp is over 20 acres. M Badois wondered if the drought has changed the Musquash swamp. D Lievens replied that it is not very likely for a wetland, as the soil and vegetation would not change that rapidly.

New Business

Financials: D Lievens informed the Commission that they received the deposit of \$384,271 for the Ground Water and Trust Fund grant, which is the only change from the last meeting.

Saving special places: M Badois notified the Commission that this is going to be virtual on April 1, 2022, and April 2, 2022, and they will start accepting registrations in late February.

Mack property lease bid: B Maxwell asked for an update. M Badois commented that M Malaguti has spoken to some people, but is giving the time frame to respond to the questionnaire until the end of the month. She said that he will come to the next meeting and update the Commission.

February meetings: A Kizak noted that the first February meeting, February 8, 2022, is in the Moose Hill Conference Room and the second meeting, February 22, 2022, will be at the Police Department's community room.

Other Business

Minutes: The Commissioners went over the public minutes of January 11, 2022. M Byerly made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. D Lievens seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0-1, with S Malouin abstaining.

Adjournment: M Byerly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. M Speltz seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Morrison
Recording Secretary