



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Minutes

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

Absent: Mike Byerly, member

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

Marge Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She appointed M Speltz to vote for M Byerly.

Unfinished Business

Scobie Pond Paddle Event: M Badois asked who can attend and if anyone has kayaks, for the event which is tentatively scheduled for August 6, 2022. M Speltz commented that he cannot attend due to an injury. G Harrington asked if this can be done on August 5, 2022, as he cannot do Sundays. M Badois remarked that this will be put on hold until next year.

Musquash Bridges: M Badois reviewed where the mountain bike club would like to place bridges in the Musquash. She noted that it is more like a boardwalk than a bridge. B Maxwell noted the water level has been rising steadily at these locations over the years. M Speltz asked if a simple plank would be sufficient. B Maxwell replied that he believes it will. G Harrington mentioned that the mountain bike club may have to get dredge and fills, such as permit by notification for trail maintenance. He stated that if the mountain bike club is putting 4x4's down into a wet area to support the planks, they will need a dredge and fill. M Badois asked if the permit was on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) website. D Lievens commented that she believes there is a charge for the permit and wondered if this would deter them. M Badois pointed out that there will be expenses for the materials. B Maxwell expressed his opinion, that he would be in favor of the Commission helping them as they are helping the Commission. The Commissioners agreed.

Articles: D Lievens asked if the Commission wanted to continue to write articles for the Londonderry Times. M Speltz asked if there was an article in the queue. D Lievens replied that there is not. M Badois and M Speltz offered to write articles. D Lievens mentioned that if they do write an article, to email it her, so she has it when it is needed.

Grants: M Speltz informed the Commission that the LCHIP application is almost done and he is waiting to hear about the ARM application.

New Business



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P&S on Lithia Springs: M Badois announced that the Commission has a signed purchase and sale for the Lithia Springs property. She explained that the first step is to hold a public hearing at their next meeting and at a Town Council meeting. D Lievens asked if a copy of the purchase and sale was available. A Kizak replied that she can resend it before the next meeting. M Speltz commented that he would prepare a quick slide show of maps and photos, that were prepared for the LCHIP application, for the public hearing. M Badois asked what the outstanding issues were. M Speltz replied that the wetland biologist's report is due at the end of June, noting his work is for the ARM grant as it is required. D Lievens asked who the wetland biologist was. M Speltz replied the wetland biologist is Mark West. He pointed out that the appraisal is due at the end of July. He added that he received quotes on the title work for \$800, which is going to be funded through the Town Manager's Office, and the Phase 1 environmental inspection, for \$1600 from Exeter Environmental. He suggested that the Commission vote on the Phase 1 environmental inspection quote, but would not have them start this until the appraisal is completed. He said that he has three requests for quotes out to surveyors and he is awaiting to hear back. M Speltz made a motion to obligate \$1600 from the Conservation Fund for the Environmental Phase 1 inspection for the Lithia Springs project. G Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

Catesby Lane: M Badois told the Commission that she received an email from a resident at Catesby Lane, Exhibit 1, and read it into the record, which is attached hereto. D Lievens mentioned that she spoke to someone on the Board at Catesby Lane about the invasives as well. She pointed out that the path is very close to the water, so it might need a review by the Commission before any work is done. M Badois voiced her concern, that many people think they know invasives, but they really do not, and thought there should be some educated supervision of this removal operation. She wondered how the Commission could facilitate this, such as a having a work day. G Harrington asked if the Commission should do a site visit ahead of time. M Badois replied that is a good idea. D Lievens explained where she thought the invasives would be, noting they might need to cut an opening to get to the pond to create a kayak launch. M Badois asked if this was shoreline protected. M Speltz replied that it is not on the state list and added that the buffer ordinance allows for trails. A Kizak pointed out that if the Commission is going to do a site walk, it will be posted and considered a meeting. M Badois commented that she did not think the whole Commission would go. She said that she would reach out to the concerned resident for a good time to visit the site and get back to the Commission.

No Cut Zone (Map 6, Lots 6-1, 6C-2A & 6C-2B): M Badois informed the Commission that in front of the Town Garage there are two properties and Varney Logging is going to do some tree cutting there. She pointed out that the no cut zone, between the two properties and the Town Garage, has to be well marked, as there have been some issues in the past. She asked if this is a Conservation matter or Code Enforcement issue. G Harrington asked who established the no cut zone. M Badois replied that she does not know, but thought it was to block/screen the Town Garage from the abutting properties. M Speltz remarked that it is on private property and could have been part of a subdivision. He added that any restriction of a natural or wooded area would theoretically be more of a Conservation issue. He said that they should look at the plan to see if there are monuments. D Lievens mentioned that she is uncertain of where this came from and whether this is in the Commission's purview. M Badois remarked that she



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72 thought this would be more of a site plan approval issue. A Kizak pointed out the no cut zone is shown
73 on the plan, D-33769 at the registry of deeds. M Speltz asked if A Kizak can see any monuments. A Kizak
74 reviewed the plan with the Commission. M Speltz asked when the logging was taking place. M Badois
75 replied that she did not know and there was just a sign out front that Barney Logging is coming. M
76 Badois said that she would reach out to Nick Codner, Chief Building Inspector.

77 **Cornell University:** M Badois noted that they came up with an app to identify birds, called Merlin. M
78 Speltz said that he has it and reviewed how to use the app with the Commission.

79 **Other Business**

80 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of May 24, 2022. M Speltz made a motion
81 to approve the minutes as amended. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

82 **Trails:** Officer Aprile reviewed an incident on the Rail Trail with the Commission. He said that the person
83 now has a two-year "No Trespass" rule on the Londonderry Rail Trail. M Speltz asked if the "No
84 Trespass" was from this incident. Officer Aprile replied it was. He noted that this person did this in July
85 of 2021 as well, so it seems this person has a pattern of this behavior. He wanted to get the information
86 out to other Conservation Commissions or residents. M Speltz asked if the detectives can pass this
87 information along to other Commissions. Officer Aprile stated that he did not know. M Badois asked if
88 the Commission could send this out to other Commissions. Officer Aprile replied that he was told he
89 could not.

90 **Adjournment:** M Speltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. G Harrington seconded the
91 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

92 Respectfully Submitted,
93 Beth Morrison
94 Recording Secretary

Exhibit 1

From: Contact form at Londonderry, NH

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 5:40 PM

To: Marge Badois

Subject: [Londonderry, NH] Conservation area - Catesby Lane (Sent by Alisa Bullard)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Hello Mbadois,

Alisa Bullard has sent you a message via your contact form

Message:

Hi Marge,

I am a member of the Orchards at Woodmont Common's HOA landscaping committee. There is interest in cleaning up the conservation area behind some of our homes along the pond - the section that follows the newly established walking trail, as well as the area in front of our community's shared "passive" open space. Primarily we'd like to remove the invasive plants and vines that are killing the existing trees. We would also like to make an access to the pond for kayaking / ice skating. I have reviewed the Woodmont Commons PUD Master Plan, and have read that removal of invasive plants in the conservation areas are allowed, but I wanted to find out if there is anything else I need to do. Do I need to get written approval from someone on the Conservation Committee for our neighborhood's plans?

Thanks for your time.

Alisa Bullard

8 Catesby Ln.

Londonderry, NH