



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; G Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Susan Malouin, member; Tiffani Macarelli, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member; and Jim Leary, alternate member

Absent: David Heafey, member

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

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

Charlie Moreno, Forester: Charlie Moreno, a consulting forester, from Moreno Forestry, addressed the Commission. C Moreno started off his presentation, Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto, by stating that a forest management plan is the study of the land in a forest. He went on noting that it is divided into three parts as follows: assessment, objectives and/or concerns and then recommendation. He noted with forestry they tend to look a long way out, such as what will the forest look like in 100 years. He reviewed the contents of what a plan would be composed as follows: maps, natural resource analysis, concerns, management objectives, inventory, forest types and appendices. He discussed the different types of standard maps, such as a locus map, forest type maps, and physical and natural features map. He pointed out that his first forest management plan for the Musquash was in 1985. He said that around the year 2000, they started to work on a more detailed and updated plan, but it never came together as a full plan. He reviewed some optional maps that can be included in the plan such as trail maps, regeneration maps and invasive species maps. He showed the Commission an example of a carbon storage and sequestration map that he is working on developing right now. He mentioned that a natural resource analysis consists of looking at the water, terrain, vegetation and carbon. He went on to discuss ecological concerns, such as composition, diminishing biodiversity, invasive plants, pathogens, insects, etc. He stated that the management objectives will be an interactive dialogue between himself and the Commission. He said that he envisions at least one or two meetings, such as Zoom meetings to screen share maps, and site walks in the forest. He remarked that the forest inventory is the most crucial step in the management plan process to establish a baseline of the forest. He pointed out that each forest is categorized into a broad forest type, which is explained in detail in the plan. He said that the appendices would have a list of species that he found in the forest. M Badois asked if he identified rare plants. C Moreno replied that they would make note of any rare or less common plants. M Badois asked if he would start in the Musquash. C Moreno replied that they would set a budget and start out with the forest inventory and mapping. He went on stating that after he completed the inventory and the mapping, he would start to meet with the Commission to discuss the findings. G Harrington asked how much information he has from prior work out in the Musquash. C Moreno replied that perhaps some of the New England Cottontail work would be relevant, but other than that it has been too long and would need to be updated. M Speltz asked if C Moreno had inventory from 1985 or was that more of a



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39 qualitative look at the Musquash. C Moreno replied that it was a qualitative look. D Lievens asked if the
40 Commission had a copy. C Moreno replied that he has a copy and it could be scanned into the record. C
41 Moreno asked if they would be adding more conservation land. M Speltz replied that they are not in this
42 area. He added that there are other forested properties in town and asked if they might be worth while
43 to look at. C Moreno replied that the Musquash would be one plan, as it is such a large parcel, but
44 others could be chapter in a book for example. M Speltz asked for a time frame. C Moreno replied it
45 would take a year and he would like to start in the late summer. M Speltz asked if he would entertain
46 intermittent billing. C Moreno replied that he would. M Speltz mentioned that the Commission could
47 authorize the funds in phases. C Moreno stressed that the field work is the most crucial. D Lievens asked
48 how many assistants he has. C Moreno replied that he has two. M Speltz remarked that over the last 30
49 years that he has been involved with this, C Moreno has had a plan to have a plan several times, but the
50 Commission has never received a plan. He asked how the Commission can ensure a plan will come out
51 of this. C Moreno replied that setting up a plan to possibly divide the forest into sections and keeping in
52 contact with one another. D Lievens expressed her opinion that it is time for this plan to come to fruition
53 as the Commission needs to have a long term plan for the forest in the Musquash. M Speltz asked if
54 NHFG would be interested in splitting a management plan for the Mathes property in the south end of
55 town with the Commission. C Moreno replied that in his opinion they would not. B Maxwell pointed out
56 that the Mathes property is unique as the family logged the area and it was in the last round of the
57 bunny cuts. C Moreno asked who owned the land. M Speltz replied that NHFG owns the land and SELT
58 has an easement. C Moreno replied that is unique. M Speltz asked what the next steps should be. C
59 Moreno replied that the next step would be the forest inventory. D Lievens interjected that she would
60 like to know what the whole picture looks like, even if they do not budget the whole process out. M
61 Badois mentioned that C Moreno could outline of the all the phases, but would not have to write up all
62 the phases. C Moreno replied that he can do this. M Badois asked if there was anything that C Moreno
63 needed from the Commission. C Moreno asked if there had been anything added to the land. D Lievens
64 replied that nothing has been added.

65 **Liberty Drive Expedited Wetland Permit:** M Badois informed the Commission she went out to the site
66 with M Speltz. She said that she thought it was pretty simple, as it is a couple culverts, and they are
67 putting in a gas line and want to go under the brook. M Speltz explained that the culverts come in 10-
68 foot sections, so they are going to take the downstream end, pull the first 10-feet out, put a trough
69 underneath, put the gas line in and put the culvert back. He said that there are wetlands at the
70 downstream end, but the precautions they have taken will result in little sediment. M Badois added that
71 the equipment will stay on the road and will not be driven near the wetland areas, which is huge.

72 **Unfinished Business** None

73 **New Business**

74 **Financials:** M Badois informed the Commission she received the information today from Finance and
75 can report that they have over one million dollars in the fund. She said that they did receive the land use
76 change tax. M Speltz asked if the Commission will have roughly a million after they pay the town their



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77 share of the land use change tax. D Lievens replied that she would need a calculator, but thought it
78 would be roughly somewhere close to 800,000. She added that they still have over two thousand dollars
79 in the line item budget. M Badois asked if something was not paid, as she thought that figure was too
80 high. D Lievens suggested that the number might not be right and would have to take a look at this.

81 **Licensing bill:** M Badois told the Commission that there were a lot of letters sent in against the licensing
82 bill and it is tabled it right now.

83 **NHACC:** M Badois pointed out that Saving Special Places starts in two days and reviewed the schedule
84 with the Commission. She added that if you sign up, but do not attend, they will send you the recording.
85 M Speltz asked if Commissioner would be reimbursed. M Badois replied that she was not sure, but
86 would look into it.

87 **Other Business**

88 **Minutes:** The Commissioners went over the public minutes of February 28, 2023. G Harrington made a
89 motion to approve the minutes as amended. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

90 The Commissioners went over the non-public minutes of February 28, 2023. G Harrington made a
91 motion to approve the minutes as amended. B Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

92 **Non-Public Session**

93 M Speltz made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 to consider the acquisition, sale or
94 lease of real or personal property which for discussion purposes be likely done to the party or parties
95 interested are adverse to the general community and consideration of legal advice. The motion was
96 seconded by G Harrington. The motion was passed by M Badois, D Lievens, G Harrington, S Malouin, M
97 Speltz, B Maxwell, and T Macarelli with a roll call vote. G Harrington made a motion to leave non-public
98 session and to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely per RSA 91-A:3. D Lievens
99 seconded the motion. The motion passed by M Badois, D Lievens, G Harrington, S Malouin, M Speltz, B
100 Maxwell, and T Macarelli with a roll call vote.

101 **Logging:** M Badois pointed out that the Commission has hard copies of the forest management plan for
102 the Plummer property. A Kizak said that they have an electronic copy as well. M Speltz encouraged the
103 Commission to review the plan.

104 **Adjournment:** G Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. M Speltz seconded the
105 motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

106 Respectfully Submitted,
107 Beth Morrison
108 Recording Secretary