



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Draft Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Susan Malouin, member; Dave Heafey, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member

Absent: Deb Lievens, member; Tiffani Macarelli, member; Jim Leary, alternate member

Also present: Kellie Caron, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Economic Development; Michael Bazegian, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner

M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. M. Badois announced that M. Speltz would vote for D. Lievens

**1. CUP – Eversource 326 Transmission Line Project – Dan Hill Road, Elwood Road, Severance Drive –
Conor Madison**

Conor Madison of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. and Travis Yandow, Environmental Specialist from Eversource appeared before the Commission to present the 326 transmission line project. C. Madison clarified the entire project is to replace 15 structures. This application is for the replacement of 11 wood utility transmission poles, which were flagged for replacement by steel poles during a routine inspection. The right-of-way will not be expanded; there will be no transmission line replacement or increase of lines.

He outlined the federal and state permits that have been applied for, including alteration of terrain and wetland impacts. These permits require coordination with the Natural Heritage Bureau and New Hampshire Fish & Game Department. He noted multiple rare plants and rare threatened endangered species have been found in the work area and corridor, so the project will occur during the non-growing season (October 15 to March 31). There will be no land disturbance in the work area. There is a 50-foot non-disturbance buffer for confirmed vernal pools. Upwind and timber matting will be installed in various locations. GZA will monitor the project weekly.

In response to a question from the Board, C. Madison noted that Fish & Game requires all individuals on the project be trained and responsible for reporting fish and game species. A construction fence is also required to protect areas where rare plants have been found. There is no requirement to monitor wildlife, since the work will be occurring during the inactive season.

C. Madison described the process for restoring the work pads, once the project is completed. The Commission highlighted specific pads on images that appear to have not been restored. T. Yandow will follow up with Eversource about this.

M. Badois reiterated that anything that can be done to dissuade off-road vehicles from utilizing the access roads would be appreciated. C. Madison said most access roads in Londonderry are gated; if they are not, they will install boulders.



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33 The Commission stressed that restoration should include installing ATV-proof gates and boulders at the
34 completion of the project. C. Madison noted this is an active issue throughout the state they continue to
35 try to address.

36 ***M. Speltz moved to recommend to approve the Conditional Use Permit application as proposed, and***
37 ***that ATV-proof gates and boulders be installed at access roads. G. Harrington seconded the motion. A***
38 ***vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.***

39 **Old Business**

40 **Boat Launch**

41 M. Badois reported the boat launch is tentatively approved. Financial submissions are needed, then it
42 will go to the Governor for approval.

43 **Federal Funding Policies**

44 M. Speltz asked that K. Caron follow up on policies regarding federal funding.

45 **Sign Update**

46 M. Badois reported the Kendall Pond sign has been installed. The Mack's sign needs to be assembled and
47 an installation location still needs to be determined.

48 **New Hampshire Wolves and Coyotes Presentation**

49 M. Badois reported the presentation is on October 5, 2023, and registration will open on September 28,
50 2023. She noted it has been added to the Conservation Commission Facebook page.

51 **Kendall Pond Brush Cutting**

52 G. Harrington said Kendall Pond is under the state Shoreline Protection Act, which restricts cutting within
53 50 feet of the edge of the pond.

54 **New Business**

55 None

56 **Approval of Minutes**

57 G. Harrington moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting as presented. D.
58 Heafey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor except B. Maxwell, who abstained. The
59 motion passed 5-0-1.

60 **Adjournment**



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61 D. Heafey moved to adjourn the meeting. G. Harrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were
62 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

63 The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

64 Respectfully submitted,

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66 Beth Hanggeli

67 Recording Secretary

