



Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Draft Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Tiffani Macarelli, member; Dave Heafey, member; Bob Maxwell, member; Mike Speltz, alternate member

Absent: Susan Malouin, member; Jim Leary, alternate member

Also present: Michael Bazegian, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner

M. Badois called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. CUP – Pennichuck Water Works Transmission Main – 36 Pillsbury Road – Pennichuck East Utility Inc. Mark Filion

Trevor Yandow of Meridian Land Services and Mark Filion of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. appeared before the Commission to present a proposal for a water transmission main that crosses wetlands. The original plan utilized directional drilling to minimize direct impacts to the wetlands. However, they have discovered the areas are shallow to ledge, so they will need to use the traditional method of trenching, and then will restore the site to existing conditions. The buffer impacts were approved under an earlier CUP. This CUP addresses direct temporary wetland impacts that were not part of the original proposal.

The Commission discussed the option of going around the wetlands instead of crossing them, but did not feel this was an adequate reason to withhold support of the project. T. Yandow reiterated the impacts will be temporary.

D. Lievens moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented, with comments. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Dredge and Fill Permit Application – 36 Pillsbury Road - Pennichuck East Utility Inc.

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D. Heafey moved to approve the Dredge and Fill Permit Application as presented, with comments. T. Macarelli seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mack's Orchard Sign

M. Badois reported they are working on installing the sign for Mack's Orchard. The Commission discussed the location for the sign.



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Adams Pond Trail

The Board discussed that the east end of the Adams Pond Trail remains flooded. The tube is blocked. M. Badois will continue to attempt to contact Hector to discuss a solution. All parking on the west end remains blocked. There is no public access to this trail.

Lithia Springs

M. Speltz has a sign from LCHIP for Lithia Springs. The Commission discussed how to have a kiosk constructed to display the sign. M. Badois will contact the Boy Scouts. They also discussed funding for installing historical signs. The causeway deconstruction has been delayed until next summer, due to the wet weather.

Charlie Moreno

D. Lievens reported she has been in touch with Charlie Moreno and he hopes to appear before the Commission in November.

Stewardship

M. Speltz noted a monitoring report is required for Lithia Springs by the grant agreement and by the Forest Society. He recommended using the Forest Society report to meet both requirements and the Commission agreed.

M. Speltz said a request has been received for the annual monitoring of Mack's Orchard. B. Maxwell will take care of this.

M. Speltz said more rigorous monitoring is needed. M. Badois said G. Aprile is monitoring some properties.

M. Badois reported she has received monitoring reports for Sunnycrest and Merrill.

New Business

Public Comments

M. Badois reported she has received questions as to why the Commission does not provide an option for public comment during Commission meetings. D. Lievens recommended reviewing the by-laws to see if they address this. The Commission discussed adding public comment times to the agenda to facilitate transparency. M. Badois will research how other Town boards and commissions handle public comment.

Eversource

M. Badois said Eversource is starting pole replacement off Wylie Hill. They will be cutting by hand and the abutters have been notified.



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Celebration of Life

Ms. Badois shared there will be a celebration of life for Libby Canuel on October 26, 2023, at Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes

September 26, 2023

G. Harrington moved to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2023, meeting as written. B. Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with T. Macarelli and D. Lievens abstaining. The motion passed 5-0-2.

October 10, 2023

The Commission noted that Bob Maxwell was at the meeting. On line 25, change T. Macarelli to S. Malouin. Delete the first sentence in line 70. Reword line 71 to read, "There are unidentified outstanding bills."

B. Maxwell moved to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023, meeting as amended. G. Harrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with T. Macarelli and M. Speltz abstaining. The motion passed 5-0-2.

Financial Report

D. Lievens said she is halfway through October reporting. The Commission has received their percentage of the Land Use Sales Tax, which is \$15,000.

Hickory Hill

D. Lievens reported two plant surveys have been done in the buffer area for the road at Hickory Hill and sent to DES. The plant is prolific under the power lines; it only appears in the southern part of the state. It is rare, but not endangered. Construction can probably start next spring.

Announcements

M. Badois reminded the Commission to sign up for the NHACC, as the classes are filling up.

M. Badois noted she has received a bill for \$1,050.00 for NHACC annual dues, which is usually taken out of the line item budget.

D. Lievens moved to pay the annual dues for the NHACC of \$1,050.00. G. Harrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.



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121 **Adjournment**

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

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126 The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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128 Respectfully submitted,

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130 Beth Hanggeli

131 Recording Secretary

