

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 13 , 2020

The meeting took place in the High School Cafeteria.

Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice Chairman Joe Green; Councilor Jim Butler, Tom Dolan and Deb Paul; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Executive Assistant Kirby Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. Chairman Farrell also read the meeting guidelines into the record. Chairman Farrell also discussed the mask policy. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Green read a Resolution into the record naming Election Day Tome Freda Day in honor of his memory.

Councilor Paul stated that she would like to address some things that were sent to her in an email from the Chair. Councilor Paul stated that she doesn't feel comfortable addressing certain allegations without the Town Attorney present. Councilor Paul stated that she feels that she needs to constantly defend her freedom of speech. Councilor Paul read some issues that have come to light.

Chairman Farrell discussed the email that was sent. Councilor Paul stated that she was asked to step away from certain committees where she has a financial benefit. Councilor Paul stated that she doesn't get any money from the town for Old Home Day, etc. Chairman Farrell stated that he always includes in his emails for Councilor Paul to contact him. Chairman Farrell stated that Councilor Paul has only called him once since he's emailed her.

Councilor Dolan talked about the recent negativity towards first responders and law enforcement throughout the country. Councilor Dolan suggested that the town shows

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support for the first responders and law enforcement. Councilor Dolan asked the Council to as the Town Manager to put together suggested having a law enforcement appreciation day or event. Councilor Butler suggested including the fire department in the appreciate day or event as well.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to open public hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell read a letter from Deana Mele into the record in support of the land donations. See the letter below.

Londonderry Town Council
Londonderry, NH

Please accept the "Island" property as a donation from the Robie Trust.
I would like it accepted ONLY because I wild like it to stay what the conservation Committee has suggested to name it – Robie Trust Natural Area.
I feel NATURAL AREA means kept as it is. Untouched by man.
I am and have always been concerned about animals and the land. I feel we have taken so much away from "NATURE." It is time we give back. Let the animals, birds, etc. be as they were intended to be. Not as we think they should be.
Please protect this NATURAL AREA so that it remains UNTOUCHED in the future and for years to come.

Deanna J. Mele
8 Valley Street
Londonderry, NH 03053

Chairman Farrell introduced a public hearing for a land donation for the Conservation Commission at 85 Rear Meadow Drive in Londonderry. Conservation Commission Chair Marge Badois presented. See attached PowerPoint.

Motion to accept land donation for 85 Rear Meadow Drive in Londonderry made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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72 Motion to close public hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor
73 Butler. Chair voted 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

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77 Town Manager Smith gave an update on PFOA. Smith stated that the Assistant
78 Commissioner recently retired from his position. It creates a void at NHDES. He was on
79 the front of the PFOA issue. Smith stated that they are still handling the matters before
80 them. Currently at this time there are two major PFOA issues in the town. One from Saint-
81 Gobain plant. Smith gave a quick update about what's being done to solve the issues.

NEW BUSINESS

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85 Chairman Farrell introduced Ordinance #2020-03, an Ordinance restricting outdoor lawn
86 watering. Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik presented. Drabik stated that this
87 Ordinance is in response to the Council's discussion at the last meeting. The law did
88 change so that municipality can now regulate with residential and commercial lawn
89 watering in a drought. Drabik stated that there are different restrictions. Motion to waive
90 first reading made by Vice Chairman Green and second about Councilor Dolan. Chair
91 votes 5-0-0.

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93 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2020-10, a Resolution relative to an addition to
94 the town's financial police. Finance Director Justin Campo presented. Campo stated the
95 town doesn't currently have a Grant policy. This is to help the town insure federal
96 funding. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-10 made by Councilor Dolan and second by
97 Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0/

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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101 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from June 29, 2020 made by Vice Chairman
102 Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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104 Fire Chief Darren O'Brien gave an Old Home Day updated. Town Manager Smith stated
105 that there was an internal meeting where it was decided that unfortunately upon the
106 recommendation and advice of the fire chief, the parade portion of Old Home Day will not

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107 be happening this year. There is no safe way to keep everyone safe.

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ADJOURNMENT

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111 Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dolan and seconded by Councilor Butler. Chair votes
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113 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown

Date: 07/13/2020

114 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown

Date: 07/20/2020

115 Approved by: Town Council

Date: 08/17/2020

Property Donation

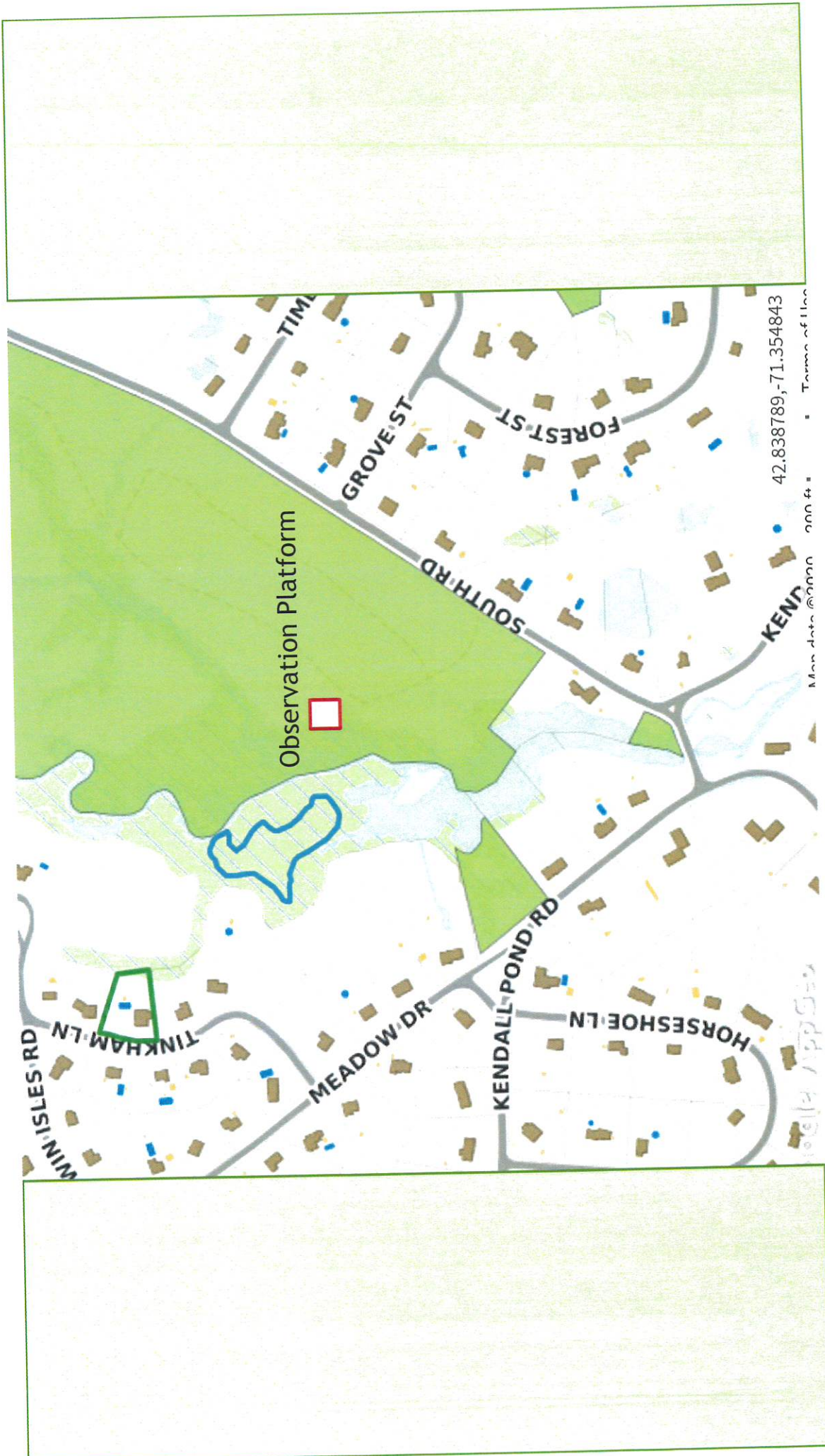
The Conservation Commission was approached by the attorney for the estate of Roberta Robie. Mrs. Robie's wishes were to donate a parcel of land to the town for conservation.

The parcel is a 1 acre "island" (only during high water) in the Beaver Brook wetland, adjacent to the Kendall Pond Conservation Area. It is visible from the observation platform.

The Robie family mentioned they would like to see the area designated as a perpetual wildlife habitat as it is a popular bird nesting area. Ducks, geese and song birds were observed

The property referred to as parcel 004-055-0, 85 Rear Meadow Drive is currently assessed at \$2,200.

The Conservation Commission voted April 14th to recommend accepting the donation.



Observation Platform

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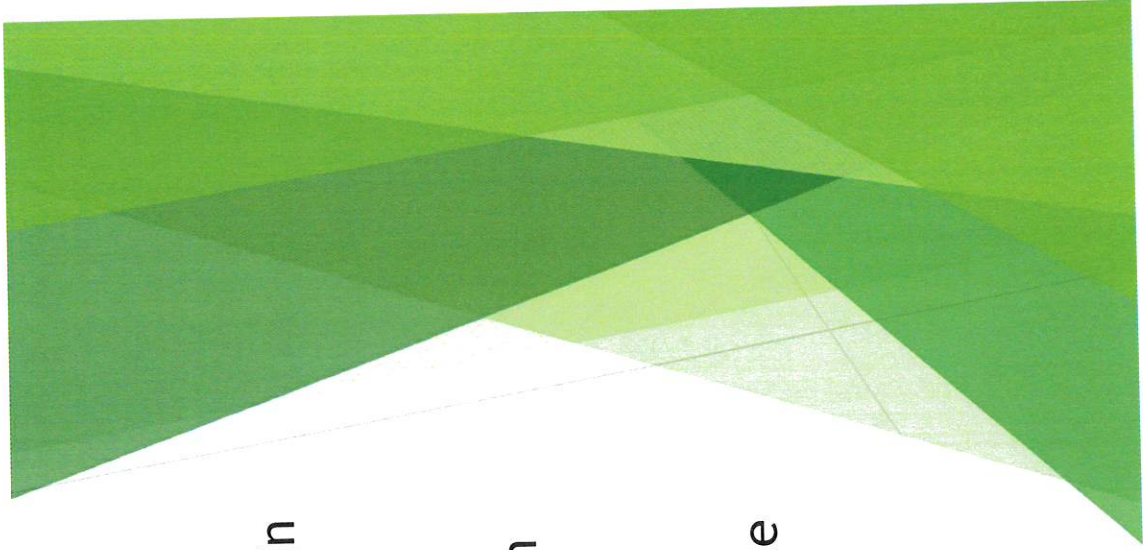
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Observation Platform



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We believe preserving this property, though small in size, could be a big help to native wildlife (waterfowl in particular) by providing a sustainable habitat and nesting area.

Where it is within the view of the observation platform that was recently added to the Kendall Pond Conservation Area, it would also offer an opportunity for bird watching enthusiasts to witness birds in their natural habitat, further enhancing the utilization of the conservation area.

