

## DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes – **June 10, 2019**

**Members Present:** Brian Adams, Haley Andreozzi, Serita Frey, Wes Golomb  
**Members Absent:** Erick Berglund  
**Visitors & Guests:** Chris Carr

**Serita Frey opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.**

**Resident Chris Carr** approached the DCC with a proposal to purchase and install “Turtle Crossing” road signs along certain Deerfield roads during the prime season from April to September. Mr. Carr researched and presented several styles that can be purchased from the Department of Corrections. The cost per pair of reflective signs, including support posts, is \$170.00. The chosen sign will be hinged so it can be folded over, eliminating the need for removal in the fall. Mr. Carr contacted NH Fish & Game and was informed that sign placement should be coordinated with the agency to ensure that they are strategically placed at locations inhabited by the most endangered or threatened species. Both Nottingham and Newmarket have installed these warning signs.

A motion by Serita Frey *to recommend to the BOS that DCC purchase two pair of turtle crossing road signs to be installed at to-be-determined locations in consultation with NH Fish & Game* was seconded by Wes Golomb and passed unanimously. DCC will email the BOS to inform them of its intent to purchase the signs and request installation by the Highway Department. DCC Treasurer, Erick Berglund, will be consulted prior to arranging the purchase. Haley Andreozzi suggested exploring the possibility that this project might qualify for the ongoing Lamprey River Advisory Committee *Community Grants Program 2019-2020*.

**Project #31 – Marston Farm:** Serita Frey and Al Jaeger met with landowner Sean LaBrie and Town Forester Charlie Moreno to review member recommendations for the combined **Stewardship Plan for the recently-conserved 38 acre Gile Beye parcel and the 15 acre LaBrie lot**. Mr. LaBrie and Mr. Moreno agreed to make minor revisions and resubmit the plan.

Serita Frey received feedback from Town Counselor Jim Raymond who reviewed both the Bear-Paw conservation easement overlay deed and the LCHIP executive interest deed to the **128 acre Town-owned Pendleton parcel**. **Attorney Raymond’s questions have been referred back to Bear-Paw for clarification**, and the **June 17<sup>th</sup> BOS signing of the deeds is now on hold**. Given the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for project completion, it may be necessary for either DCC or Bear-Paw to reach out to LCHIP directly. It is also unknown if LCHIP has given its final approval of the executory interest deed language.

**Project #35 – Epsom/Deerfield:** DCC has not received a response to Haley Andreozzi’s email to Dan Kern in May asking if there had been any recent contact with the landowner regarding DCC’s authorization to offer \$62,500. An LCHIP grant of \$28,000 was awarded to Deerfield in November 2018 with 18 months to complete the project. **Since the owner has not agreed to previous offers, rendering Deerfield’s participation in this joint project uncertain, it is felt that LCHIP should be updated on the project’s status**. It is imperative that a positive relationship with LCHIP be maintained going forward.

**Project #39 –** Serita Frey has not had an opportunity to contact the landowner. It was determined that this project will remain on hold for the time being given the need for a land trust to facilitate the project.

**Wetland Buffer Zoning:** Town Planner Sylvia von Aulock will attend DCC’s July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss members’ suggestions for updating the Town’s current wetland zoning ordinance. Haley Andreozzi sent a copy of the ordinance adopted by the Town of Amherst, a summary of her findings, and suggested edits to Deerfield’s current ordinance to Ms. von Aulock. Ms. von Aulock suggested that changes be kept reasonable and simple; revising vs. replacing. Ms. von Aulock also proposed a requirement for each new lot to have a minimum of two acres of contiguous uplands. Ms. Andreozzi will contact Ms. von Aulock to request specific draft language in addition to the minor edits sent by Ms. Andreozzi last month. **At the March DCC meeting Ms. von Aulock referred to a 2007 model ordinance created by Southern New Hampshire Planning containing recommendations for Deerfield**

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and Candia which was never adopted. Haley Andreozzi will request a copy of the ordinance for member review and discussion at the July meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Serita Frey moved to approve the **minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Haley Andreozzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Finance:** In Erick Berglund's absence and at his request, Chair Frey reported that the *unofficial* conservation fund balance based on the un-reconciled May bank statement was \$191,023.23 which reflects a credit of \$3,439.04 representing DCC's 50% share of Land Use Change Tax for First Quarter 2019 and interest of \$40.53. The *official* February, March and April month-end fund balances based on reports prepared by the Town Treasurer were \$187,465.33, \$187,505.13, and \$187,543.66 respectively.

**Membership:** Interest has been expressed in one of the two open membership positions on the Commission.

**Easement Monitoring:** Frank Mitchell and Will Frey monitored the Merrill (Kay Williams) easement on May 31. The report for the second half of the Curry easement is still outstanding pending coordination with the landowner.

### **Regulated Wetlands and Shorelands:**

#### **Eversource File No. 04.0190923.01 – Filing Date 5/2/2019**

- **Shoreland Permit by Notification:** Eversource - **Replacement of select Utility Structures along the existing 391 and 373 Transmission Lines** (Located within the 250 ft. protected Shoreland zone of the Lamprey in Candia) Total Sq. Ft. of Impact: 1,560 SF - Total Sq. Ft. of New Impervious Area: N/A
- **Shoreland Permit by Notification:** Eversource - **Replacement of select Utility Structures along the existing 391 and 375 Transmission Lines** (Located within the 150 ft. and 250 ft. protected Shoreland zone of the Lamprey in Deerfield) Total Sq. Ft. of Impact: 21,957 SF-Total SF of New Impervious Area -100 SF

DCC comments will be mailed on June 11th pending confirmation that the project area is within the *Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat in the Ecological Region* as indicated in the NH Wildlife Action Plan.

#### **Eversource 5/2019 Alteration of Terrain (AoT)**

##### **391-373-385 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project**

DCC was copied on a comment letter on the above project from the **LRAC** to Ridge Mauck at the DES. This project appears to be a large-scale project of which the above *Shoreland Permits by Notification* are a part. It was determined that given the LRAC review and comments, separate comments from the DCC were not needed.

#### **Seasonal Dock Permit:** Rachel Ihde – 14A Gulf Rd - Map 204 Lot 37

Serita Frey reviewed and signed this application In order to expedite the permit for the owner.

#### **Pleasant Lake Preservation Association:** \$20,000 Moose Plate Grant

Haley Andreozzi reported that she participated in a 6/10 conference call about the project being supported by the grant. Two main components of the project are providing technical assistance to 4-5 properties around Pleasant Lake to address issues, and hosting two workshops. The second of the two workshops is scheduled for August 21st at the Deerfield Town Hall.

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### Announcements/Correspondence/Reminders:

**Harvard Forest** - <https://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/news/study-land-conservation-boosts-local->

Serita Frey requested that the above information be shared with members of the BOS. Results of the March 26, 2019 study show land conservation, both private and public, boosting local economies. *“The study, published in Conservation Biology, is the first of its kind, estimating the local net impacts of both private and public land conservation.”*

**Bear-Paw has extended an invitation** to members of the DCC to attend an event being held to express appreciation for the conservation efforts of its partners. June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7 to 9 pm – Jenness Pond, Northwood (RSVP)

**Turtle Crossing** – Brian Adams composed an article that was posted on the Town’s Facebook page and will appear in the July Communicator to increase awareness of the dangers posed to turtles crossing Town roads.

### Non-public Session:

At approximately 7:55 pm Serita Frey moved to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). *Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Wes Golomb seconded the motion which was followed by a roll call vote, with Adams, Andreozzi, Golomb, and Frey voting in favor of the motion.

At approximately 8:00 pm the members re-entered public session. A motion by Wes Golomb to seal the minutes was seconded by Serita Frey and followed by a roll call vote with Adams, Andreozzi, Golomb, and Frey voting in favor of the motion. Chair Frey noted that no final decisions were made during the session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2019**

*(Please check the website for scheduling changes)*

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*These minutes were prepared and submitted by Judy Marshall. Revisions, if any, will be contained in the minutes of the next meeting and posted to the Town website, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission*