

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes – **May 13, 2019**

Members Present: Brian Adams, Haley Andreozzi, Erick Berglund, Serita Frey, Wes Golomb
Members Absent: None
Visitors & Guests: None

Serita Frey opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Project #37 – Mathes (North Rd): Erick Berglund and Dan Kern met with the BOS on April 29 to have the conservation easement deed signed. Bear-Paw is the holder of the easement and the Town of Deerfield holds an executory interest in the property. After the public hearing on April 15th, **DCC voted to contribute transaction costs not to exceed \$14,000 from the Conservation Fund.** It was confirmed that the Mathes family will subsequently be donating fee ownership of the 50.07 acre parcel to Bear-Paw.

Project #31 – Marston Farm: Members will complete their review of the language for the conservation easement deed with final approval scheduled for the June meeting. Although Bear-Paw did not use DCC's template, Haley Andreozzi pointed out that it did contain DCC's suggested additions. According to Dan Kern, a parking provision was intentionally omitted in order to keep the new easement as similar to the original LCIP easement as possible. **Serita Frey will have the easement deed and the executory interest language reviewed by Attorney Raymond prior to final member approval.** LCHIP has not yet given its final approval for the executory interest language. Chair Frey will request an appointment with the BOS to sign the easement deed by the end of June.

A meeting with DCC, Bear-Paw, Sean LaBrie and Town Forester Charlie Moreno will be scheduled within the next few weeks to discuss the **land management plan for Marston Farm prepared by Charlie Moreno covering the recently-conserved 38 acre parcel currently owned by Gile Beye, and the 15 acre parcel owned by Sean LaBrie.** DCC should have a better idea about parking options after the meeting.

Project #35 – Epsom/Deerfield: Epsom is moving forward with its part of the project. **Haley Andreozzi will follow up with Dan Kern to determine if there has been any recent contact with the owners.** There is concern that not having a firm commitment in place, after LCHIP grant money had been awarded, could be detrimental to maintaining a positive relationship with LCHIP going forward. DCC's last offer was \$62,500. An LCHIP grant of \$28,000 was awarded to Deerfield in November 2018 with 18 months to complete the project.

Project #39 – Serita Frey anticipates reaching out to the owner of this parcel on Freeses's Pond in the near future.

Wetland Buffer Zoning: Haley Andreozzi commented that **in the ordinance for the Town of Amherst, every wetland is assessed by a licensed wetland scientist for both function and value and assigned a buffer of 0-25-50 or 100 feet.** 100 feet is assumed to be the default unless professionally assessed. Instead of a one-size-fits-all mentality, this method considers each wetland individually. **Ms. Andreozzi will send out the Amherst ordinance to the members for review and discussion at the June meeting.** Ms. Andreozzi will also summarize her findings and send them to Town Planner Sylvia von Aulock along with a request for clarification as to the scope of DCC's role in the update of the existing ordinance.

Approval of Minutes: Serita Frey moved to approve the **minutes of the April 15th combined public hearing and regular meeting.** Haley Andreozzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bear Brook Steering Committee: Brian Adams reported that **the steering committee formed to update the 1994 management plan for Bear Brook State Park will hold a public hearing on June 27th.** The advisory committee was formed by the *State of New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.*

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NH BioBliz – Serita Frey submitted an application to *UNH Cooperative Extension* for their NH BioBliz. The program will provide assistance for towns, working with volunteers, scientists and field experts, to conduct field research and collect data documenting plants, animals, fungi and insects found on town-owned land. Kelly Hughes, the *Deerfield Community School* (DCS) 7th and 8th grade science teacher, expressed an interest in coordinating with DCC if the application is selected.

LRAC Community Grant Program: One-time grants up to \$6,000 will be awarded to cover expenses associated with projects intended to *...support community efforts that protect or enhance river resources or that complement goals identified in the 2013 Lamprey Rivers Management Plan*. Applications for this program will be accepted on an on-going basis through 2020 with the expectation that projects be completed within 6 months of the grant. Member suggestions are encouraged.

Easement Monitoring: Completion of the 2018 monitoring reports for the Merrill (Kay Williams), Curry and Great Brook Corridor easements are pending.

Finance: The unofficial balance in the conservation fund at the end of April was \$187,543.66 including interest in the amount of \$38.53. Erick Berglund received a check for 1st Quarter 2019 Land Use Change Tax (50% portion) which he returned to the Town Administrator for deposit into the conservation fund. It is unclear why the funds were not directly transferred into the account. Mr. Berglund commented that he has only received one *official* conservation fund report since January. **Serita Frey will add DCC's concerns to the next DCC quarterly report to the BOS.**

The following motions made by Erick Berglund to approve payment of invoices from Bear-Paw Regional Greenways passed unanimously:

Boisvert Town Forest Project – *Seconded by Wes Golomb:* Expenses of \$4,943.57 and Stewardship Fee of \$10,000 totaling **\$14,943.57**.

Mathes North Rd. Project – *Seconded by Serita Frey:* Expenses of \$7,671.08 and Stewardship Fund Fee of \$5,000 totaling **\$12,671.08**.

Mathes Raymond Rd. Project – *Seconded by Serita Frey:* Project Appraisal PREP Grant Match of **\$2,400.00**.

Regulated Wetlands & Shorelands:

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 Sq. Ft. of New Impervious Area: 100 SF

DCC will notify DES within 14 days of the permit application (May 16th), of its intent to review the above projects. Comments will be submitted within 40 days of the application filing date (June 11th).

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File 2019-00527

- **NHDES Wetlands– Major Impact Permit Application Amendment**
Eversource Energy Lines 373/385/391 Grounding Project
Reduction to temporary impacts from 47,478 sq. ft. to 36,775 sq. ft.

DCC previously reviewed this project and submitted comments and suggestions both to the Planning Board and to the DES. Eversource amended its application subsequent to a DES request for more information dated April 3, 2019. The application now reflects revisions discussed at a meeting between Eversource and NHDES on April 19th.

- **Seasonal Dock Permit:** Pamela English – 14 Gulf Rd. The resident has been putting in a dock for the past 30 years. Serita Frey approved the application ahead of the DCC meeting to expedite the process for the resident.
- **NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources – Div. of Forests & Lands:** Notification of a proposed timber harvest–242 acres of Bear Brook State Park – To be offered for public bidding in summer 2019
- **Shoreland Impact Permit 2019-00957:** James Smith-33 Hammond Rd (Freesees Pond) – Map 208 Lot 35
IMPACT: 675 SF of protected Shoreland in order to construct a 440 SF addition to the existing primary structure (Note: An LRAC Comment Letter was received in April for this project)

Announcements/Correspondence/Reminders:

- **2019 Lakes Congress:** Thursday & Friday May 30 (7-8 pm) and May 31 (8 am to 2:45 pm) – Meredith, NH
- **Turtles Crossing!!!:** Brian Adams will submit an article to the Communicator to **alert residents to watch for and avoid running over turtles they encounter on Deerfield's roadways.** Serita Frey offered to post on the Deerfield Facebook page.

Members unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 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