

DERRY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Municipal Center

May 4, 2026

-Call to Order: Chairman Buzzanga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., he led the Pledge of Allegiance

-Roll Call: Jay Hildreth, Christopher Morlock, Rick Metts, Riccardo Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Pam Pirro, Linda Comrie, Land Manager Elizabeth Carver, and Town Council Liaison Charles Foote. Robert Spoerl and Val Connolly were not present.

-Chairman Buzzanga asked Commissioner Morlock to sit for Commission Spoerl, Commissioner Pirro to sit for Commissioner Connolly and Commissioner Comrie to sit for Commissioner Holbert.

-Approval of Minutes: Chairman Buzzanga referred to the Minutes of April 20, 2026.

Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to approve the Minutes of April 20, 2026. Commissioner Morlock seconded the Motion.

Vote: Yes Vote 6

Eileen Chabot abstained.

-Chair's Report: Chairman Buzzanga reported the past few weeks had been busy. He spoke of the executed Agricultural Land Lease Agreement with the assistance of the town administrator regarding the cornfield near Broadview Farm. He also received the draft for the conservation easement deed that the Department of Environmental Services, Wildlife and the Town of Derry signed off on for the Ashleigh Drive property. He added this is not the Conservation Management Plan that the Commission had added several amendments to, as the Commission has a year to continue to develop the remaining plan that includes the compensation package and the delegation of responsibilities. Signage will be discussed during the next meeting. Meetings with Derry Cam continue to integrate them with the Conservation Commission.

-Correspondence: No updates for this meeting.

-Community Gardens: Commissioner Hildreth updated on May 9, 2026, the Open Garden Event will be happening with demonstrations of building garden beds, staking of the plots, plant swaps with light refreshment served. The fertilizers have been received; the manure has been delivered with tilling happening Thursday of this week. There were some difficulties in getting the blood meal, but it has been ordered with Commissioner Hildreth going to pick it up in Vermont. Commissioner also sent in a compost for soil testing. He thanked Manuel Cardoso for all of his hard work and donation.

Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to approve \$97 for reimbursement for soil testing at Broadview Farm taken out of the Administrative Budget. Linda Comrie and Eileen Chabot seconded the Motion.

Vote: Unanimous

-Personnel: Commissioner Metts will make an inquiry regarding annual reviews for Commission employees.

-Public Outreach: Commissioner Comrie provided an update in Commissioner Holbert's absence. She stated the Commission now has double the number of followers on the Commissions' social media page. There are between 1000 and 1500 views on posts which show much interest and is very positive for the Commission. The hope is to also engage more folks in the iNaturalist training as well. Commissioner Comrie added that 24 hours prior to Commission meetings, she will post a trail head picture with a bit of fun fact information.

-TRC: Commissioner Metts did not have any new updates.

-State Compliance: Commissioner Chabot reported New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) is presenting a series called "Protecting Wetlands." This two-part series begins with the first presentation called GIS Tools for Wetland Identification, with the second presentation be a "Wetlands Identification Field Study." The GIS Tools will be held on May 27, 2026, via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Wetlands Identification Field Study will be an in-person workshop on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. being held at Bow High School, 55 Falcon Way. Registration can be completed on the NHACC Website. On June 19, 2026, a Trail Maintenance and Design workshop will be held. This workshop is designed to help folks sharpen their trail skills with NHACC and the Appalachian Mountain Club. This workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the AMC Camp Dodge in Gorham, New Hampshire. Registration is available on the NHACC Website.

-Commissioner Chabot learned from a newsletter from the Department of Environmental Services called the Municipal Eco Link, a public information and hearing will be held to discuss the proposed construction and operation of solid waste facilities in Londonderry, New Hampshire. There are two companies that have submitted proposals, Purpose Energy and Recycle Works, both of Londonderry, New Hampshire. That session will take place on May 11, 2026, from 5:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Information to find out more information or submit comments is available on the Department of Environmental Services Website.

-Chairman Buzzanga commended Commissioner Chabot for all the important work she does and would like to retile the subcommittee. Commissioners who are interested in attending these meetings can be reimbursed by the Commission.

-Property Management: Chairman Buzzanga updated the hazardous tree removal has been completed.

-Land Maintenance: Land Manager Beth Carver updated the subcommittee is continuing its work with the deeds of conservation properties that they have targeted to do work on. These properties include the Ball property, Margaret Ives and Cole Marsh.

-Land Acquisition: Chairman Buzzanga updated the Commission continues to pursue two conservation properties.

-Reporting Compliance: No report was given.

-Net Zero Task Force: No report was given.

-Town Council Liaison Report: Counselor Foote updated the Town Council accepted the easement for Ashleigh Drive as well as the contract approval. The adoption of the 2027 Budget will soon take place with Public Hearing to be held. Water and sewage user fees will be addressed.

-Land Manager Report: Ms. Carver updated the NHACC Bio Blitz being held at Broadview Farm will be June 27, 2026 held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning with a bird walk at 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; a walk that focused on trees, shrubs and plants from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m., a walk on wetlands and vernal pools from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and ending with a walk focused on butterflies, bugs and bees from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. June 1, 2026 will be the iNaturalist training workshop. Ms. Carver shared the signage that will advertise Bioblitz. Ms. Carver thanked Commissioner Hildreth for all the work he continues to do at Broadview Farm. The Community Wildfire Plan is nearing completion. The town of Derry Tax Collectors office shared properties for the Commission to consider for purchase.

Other Business. Commissioner Hildreth shared his concerns regarding Lyme Disease. Chairman Buzzanga spoke of creating a subcommittee for Broadview Farm Annex, creating a name and posting on the kiosk.

Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to approve up to \$40.00 for gas reimbursement. Commissioner Chabot seconded the Motion. **Vote: Unanimous**

At 7:44 p.m., Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to remove into Nonpublic Meeting per RSA 91A, Paragraph (3), Section (2) for the purpose of land acquisition. Commissioner Chabot seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Morlock- Yes
Commission Hildreth-Yes
Commissioner Chabot- Yes
Commissioner Pirro-Yes
Commissioner Comrie-Yes
Commission Metts-Yes
Commissioner Buzzanga-Yes
Vote: Unanimous

Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to allow Beth Carver and Charlie Foote to attend the Nonpublic Meeting. Commissioner Chabot seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Morlock- Yes
Commission Hildreth-Yes
Commissioner Chabot- Yes
Commissioner Pirro-Yes

Commissioner Comrie-Yes
Commission Metts-Yes
Commissioner Buzzanga-Yes
Vote: Unanimous

At 7:57 p.m., Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to leave Nonpublic Session. Commissioner Morlock seconded the Motion. **Vote: Unanimous**

Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to Seal the Minutes. Commissioner Morlock seconded the Motion.
- **Vote: Unanimous**

At 7:58 p.m., Commissioner Metts **MOVED** to Adjourn. Commissioner Morlock seconded the Motion.
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Lampes

Recording Secretary

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