Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Draft Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Deb Lievens, member; Harry Schwartz, member; Bob Maxwell, member; David Heafey, member; Michael Speltz, alternate member; Susan Malouin, alternate member; Gary Della Grotta, alternate member

Absent: Elkel Bickford, member

Also present: Michael Bazegian, GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

CUP - 90 Wiley Hill Road - Subdivision - Map 5 Lot 14

Joe Piccirilli of Granite Engineering appeared before the Commission to discuss an 8-lot residential subdivision of a 20.8-acre parcel in the AR-1 zoning district. Four of the lots will be accessed by a shared driveway, which crosses the buffer. There is a permanent wetland buffer impact of approximately 9,842 square feet.

The Commission questioned the amount of temporary buffer impact during construction. They discussed the challenge of long driveways and cul de sacs, and noted the Fire Department will need turnarounds. They expressed concern over the encroachment on the buffer by residents creating backyards, and placing snow and lawn clippings in the buffer. They also asked if the number of lots could be reduced to reduce the impact on the buffer and the Musquash.

The Commission asked J. Piccirilli to meet with the Fire Department to discuss those requirements, and then return to the Conservation Commission to continue this discussion. J. Piccirilli agreed, explaining they are also waiting for comments from the Town through peer and design review.

Commission comments: Request that the applicant return with any changes resulting from meeting with the Fire Department and other land uses boards and Staff; include snow storage areas on plans; ensure a situation is not created where residents will expand their backyards into the buffer; investigate reducing the number of lots to lessen stewardship of the Musquash.

CUP - 326 Transmission Line Replacement - Eversource Right-of-Way

Lindsey Tower of GZA GeoEnvironmental and Kurt Nelson of Eversource Energy appeared before the Commission to discuss maintenance along the 326 transmission line between October 2026 and May 2027 to replace 11 wooden utility poles with steel poles. L. Tower reviewed the impact on the conservation overlay district, and the proposed restoration.

The Commission asked for specific details of the replacement process and K. Nelson explained. M. Speltz asked why some of the 100' x 100' pads along Eversource lines have not been reduced to 40' x 60' feet as

proposed. K. Nelson explained the revegetation process, but did not know why these pads were not reduced in size.

Commission comments: Investigate why pads are not being reduced as proposed.

Public Comment

Ray Breslin, 3 Gary Drive, spoke to the cost of the Eversource project and the high-tension lines running through Londonderry. He asked about the life expectancy of the steel replacement poles. K. Nelson addressed these concerns.

Old Business

Facebook Page
The Commission discussed how to add M. Badois as an administrator to the Facebook page.

New Business

New Hampshire Fish & Game
The Commission discussed the New Hampshire Fish & Game newsletter, Wildlines, noting the benefit it would be to new members. They also discussed an online presentation of the new Wildlife Action Plan sponsored by the NHACC.

M. Badois appointed M. Speltz to vote for E. Bickford.

Approval of Minutes

M. Speltz moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2026, public meeting as presented. B. Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion carried, with D. Heafey abstaining.

Adjournment

G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn. M. Speltz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hanggeli
Recording Secretary