Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, June 23, 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; Gary Della Grotta, alternate member

Absent: Elkel Bickford, member; Susan Malouin, alternate 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. She appointed Michael Speltz to vote for Elkel Bickford.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Old Business

Trails

M. Badois reported there have been trees down on the trails, but trail angels and mountain bikers have taken care of them.

Londonderry Trailways is walking the Musquash and inventorying what needs to be done, such as replacing signs, cleaning up trails, and removing trees. M. Badois proposed holding a work day to address these issues. The Commission also needs to re-blaze trails and ensure all authorized trails are on the map. The map should be updated before it is reprinted.

Forester

The Commission discussed when the forester was scheduled to start. They noted that the list of issues in the Musquash would be useful for the forester.

Lithia Trail

M. Speltz applied for a grant with the New Hampshire Trail Bureau, which is housed within the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. It would require a 20% cost share by the Commission. The grants will be awarded in August. Tree cutting could begin in November, and trail building after April 1st. If the grant is not awarded, the work could be completed in the fall. The signs are in the design phase.

Monitoring

M. Badois listed the properties that the Commission is required to monitor each year; all but the Macks and Plummer properties are monitored by the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD). B. Maxwell has monitored the Macks properties in the past and volunteered to do so again.

M. Badois said there are other properties that should be monitored. She thought a lot of preliminary monitoring could be done online using GIS.

She reported that as of 2019, 15% of Londonderry property was conserved land; the Master Plan calls for 30% by 2030. The Commission discussed properties that were not included in this count, and the need to add 1,000 acres/year to meet the 2030 goal. Ms. Badois will update this information to include these properties.

Financial Report
D. Lievens shared the April and May fiscal reports.

New Business

Strategic Plan
M. Badois reported the Town Council is reviewing the draft of the Town-wide Strategic Plan. The Commission reviewed the draft and discussed which sections would apply to them. M. Badois noted that all of the items the Commission listed for inclusion in the Plan were not included. She suggested the Commission address those items.

Derry BioBlitz
M. Badois reported Derry is holding a BioBlitz at Broadview Farm on June 27th.

Roadless Area Conservation Rule
M. Badois reported there is a hearing in Concord on June 24th regarding the proposed removal of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

Recreation Guide
M. Badois reported the recreation guide on the Town's Conservation Commission page has disappeared. The Commission discussed what would be needed to recreate it. M. Badois will research who originally created it.

Approval of Minutes

B. Maxwell moved to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting as presented. M. Speltz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Public Session
A non-public session was held under RSA 91-A:3, II(d), RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

D. Lievens moved to go into non-public session. G. Harrington seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Della Grotta - aye, Heafey - aye, Lievens - aye, Badois - aye, Harrington - aye, Schwartz - aye, Speltz - aye, Maxwell - aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The camera was turned off at 8:10 p.m.
The camera was turned back on at 8:32 p.m.

G. Harrington made a motion to close the non-public session. M. Speltz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

D. Heafey made a motion to adjourn. D. Lievens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hanggeli
Recording Secretary