Londonderry Conservation Commission
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Draft Minutes

Present: Marge Badois, Chair; Gene Harrington, Vice Chair; Bob Maxwell, member; David Heafey, member; Elkel Bickford, member; Michael Speltz, alternate member; Gary Della Grotta, alternate member; Susan Malouin, alternate member

Absent: Deb Lievens, 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 reported Harry Schwartz has resigned from the Commission, so there is a vacancy for a full member. Gary Della Grotta agreed to move into the full member position. His vacant alternate position will be posted.

DRC – 16 & 22 Delta Drive - Lot Line Adjustment - Map 14 Lots 21-11 & 4

The applicant was not present.

The Commission questioned the reason for this proposed adjustment. B. Maxwell said it appeared from the application that someone would like to purchase the lot with the existing building, but does not want the additional land. The applicant proposed adjusting the lot line to reduce the size of that lot and increase the size of the other lot, which could make it more attractive to potential interested parties.

The Commission questioned whether, due to the location of the wetlands, a dredge and fill permit would be needed to access the lot once this portion is transferred. They determined the property could be accessed from the northeast corner off Delta Drive or from the cul-de-sac. They questioned how water transferred between the wetlands on the property. They also discussed a proposed temporary drainage easement on the property.

Commission Comments: This could create a future problem for the transferred acreage due to having to cross wetlands to access it.

DRC – 2 Perkins Road - Subdivision - Map 13 Lot 22

The applicant was not present.

The Commission questioned the presence of heavy equipment on Perkins Road at the cut-in to the western parcel. They noted the steepness of the planned driveway to access the second lot. They said the wetlands are not big enough for a buffer. They agreed if the forest cover is left as shown on the plan, it will provide noise mitigation. They mentioned possible traffic and site distance issues, which are not in the Commission's purview.

Commission Comments: The Commission had no comments for the Planning Board.

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Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Old Business

Recreation Plan

M. Badois attempted to contact the company responsible for creating the recreation plan, but had no success. She will continue to try.

Site Visit

M. Speltz suggested a site visit is needed for the property the Commission is considering purchasing. They agreed to schedule it on Tuesday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Sign Design

M. Speltz reported the sign builders have completed the design.

New Business

Mathes Trail

M. Badois reported a mountain bike rider informed her that the Mathes trail is practically impassible. A power tool might be needed, such as a brush mower, to clear the trail. She suggested this work be done in the fall. She noted the entrance to the trail on Faucher Road has been mowed and believes Trailways is working on this. She will check with Trailways to see if work on these projects can be coordinated.

M. Badois said the beaver dam at Faucher Road is two feet above the boardwalk. Tom Kimball reported the water is backing up into the Londonderry Country Club and requested that something be done. The Commission discussed how this issue was addressed in the past. M. Badois will speak to DPW about this.

M. Speltz noted New Hampshire Fish & Game owns the Mathes property and there is an MOU with them. The Commission agreed they were allowed to maintain the trail without consulting NHF&G, but would notify them that maintenance work was going to be done.

Map Updates

M. Badois asked Mr. Bazegian how many of the newer trails are on the trail map, as new maps need to be printed. She also asked how to make the trail map available online. She noted the need to ask Mike Byerly what color blazes he used on the Piper Rising trail.

Forest Society

M. Badois and M. Speltz met with Ilissa Sargent from the Forest Society, and discussed that monitoring reports showing multiple encroachments have gone unanswered. M. Badois received a response from

the Forest Society: they have been corresponding with individuals about the encroachments, but nothing has been done to remedy them. They did not inform the Commission that these actions had been taken.

Taking Action for Wildlife

M. Badois reported Taking Action for Wildlife has a Community Technical Assistance Program that provides information on a variety of topics to conservation commissions. The Commission discussed whether any of the items identified on the strategic plan might be a good match.

M. Badois appointed Mike Speltz to vote for the position vacated by Harry Schwartz.

RCCD Monitoring - Ingersol

G. Harrington moved to pay the annual estimate from RCCD for $749 for monitoring the Ingersol property out of the line item budget. B. Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hickory Hill Kiosk

B. Maxwell reported the Hickory Hill kiosk is inaccessible. After the parking lot was put in, people stopped using the trail, so it is overgrown. M. Badois said the kiosk needs to be moved and the path stabilized. The parking lot and the trail that is currently being used need to be put on the map.

Gate at Cooper Parcel

M. Badois reported the gate where the power lines cross Litchfield Road was left open. She closed it, but there is no lock. She will find out who to contact at Eversource about this.

Approval of Minutes

On line 51, change "They spoke against shelving the Master Plan" to "They spoke against drastically modifying the Master Plan." M. Speltz reported the Strategic Plan is being held in abeyance until next spring, when the process will begin again.

B. Maxwell moved to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting as amended. D. Heafey seconded the motion. The motion carried, with E. Bickford abstaining.

Adjournment

G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn. E. Bickford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary