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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk

The Exeter Conservation Commission will be conducting a site walk to review the wetland Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for 104 Brentwood Road on February 14th at 9:00 am.

Monthly Meeting

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building, Exeter on **Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment
 - a. Sheila Roberge

Action Items

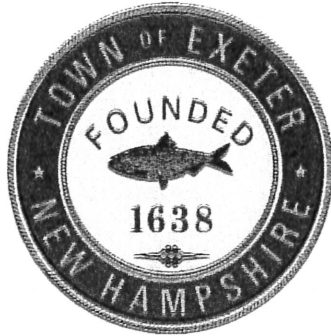
1. 104 Brentwood Road Conditional Use Permit Application, Tax Map 61-23 (Chris Burke)
2. Snowshoe Hullabaloo – Snowshoe Race Event Application, Saturday Feb. 18th
3. Barry Conservation Camp Youth Sponsorship (David-O’Hearn)
4. End of Year Treasurers Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Management
 - b. Trails
 - c. Outreach
6. Approval of Minutes: January 10th, 2017
7. Correspondence
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting: Date Scheduled (3/14/17*), Submission Deadline (3/3/17)
* *Potentially rescheduling due to Town Meeting conflict*

Bill Campbell, Vice-Chair

Exeter Conservation Commission

February 10th, 2017 Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.

Town of Exeter



**Planning Board
Application
for
Conditional Use Permit:
Wetlands Conservation
Overlay District**

July 2015



Town of Exeter Planning Board Application

Conditional Use Permit: Wetland Conservation Overlay District

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Fifteen (15) copies of the Application
2. Fifteen (15) 11"x17" and three (3) full sized copies of the plan which must include:
 - Existing Conditions
 - a. Property Boundaries
 - b. Edge of Wetland and associated Buffer (Wetlands Conservation Overlay District - WCOD)
 - Prime wetland: 100'
 - Vernal Pool (≥200 SF): 75'
 - Exemplary Wetland: 50'
 - Very Poorly Drained: 50'
 - Poorly Drained: 40'
 - Inland Stream: 25'
 - c. Structures, roads/access ways, parking, drainage systems, utilities, wells and wastewater disposal systems and other site improvements
 - Proposed Conditions
 - a. Edge of Wetlands and Wetland Buffers and distances to the following:
 - i. Edge of Disturbance
 - ii. Structures, roads/access ways, parking, drainage systems, utilities, wells and wastewater disposal systems and other site improvements
 - b. Name and phone number of all individuals whose professional seal appears on the plan
3. If applicant and/or agent is not the owner, a letter of authorization must accompany this application
4. Supporting documents i.e. Letters from the Department of Environmental Services, Standard Dredge and Fill Application and Photos of the property
5. A Town of Exeter Assessors list of names and mailing addresses of all abutters

Required Fees:		
Planning Board Fee: \$50.00	Abutter Fee: \$10.00	Recording Fee (if applicable): \$25.00

The Planning Office must receive the completed application, plans and fees on the day indicated on the Planning Board Schedule of Deadlines and Public Hearings.

APPLICANT	Name: <u>Kerry Wilson/Chris Burke</u>
	Address: <u>104 Brentwood Rd</u>
	Email Address: <u>coloniallandscaping@comcast.net</u>
	Phone: <u>603-583-9155</u>
PROPOSAL	Address: <u>104 Brentwood Rd</u>
	Tax Map # <u>61</u> Lot# <u>23</u> Zoning District: <u>R-1</u>
	Owner of Record: <u>Kerry Wilson</u>
Person/Business performing work outlined in proposal	Name: <u>Chris Burke</u>
	Address: <u>104 Brentwood Rd</u>
	Phone: <u>603-583-9155</u>
Professional that delineated wetlands	Name: <u>Luke Hurley/Govc Environmental</u>
	Address: <u>8 Continental Dr, Bldg 2, Unit H Exeter, NH</u>
	Phone: <u>603-580-4121</u>

**Town of Exeter
Planning Board Application
Conditional Use Permit: Wetland Conservation Overlay District**

Detailed Proposal including intent, project description, and use of property: (Use additional sheet as needed)

See attached

Wetland Conservation Overlay District Impact (in square footage):

Temporary Impact	Wetland: (SQ FT.)	Buffer: (SQ FT.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Wetlands _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Wetlands _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Wetlands _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Wetlands _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vernal Pools (>200SF) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vernal Pools (>200SF) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPD _____	<input type="checkbox"/> VPD _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> PD _____	<input type="checkbox"/> PD _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inland Stream _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inland Stream _____
Permanent Impact	Wetland:	Buffer:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Wetlands _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Wetlands _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Wetlands _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Wetlands _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vernal Pools (>200SF) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vernal Pools (>200SF) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPD _____	<input type="checkbox"/> VPD _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> PD _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PD <i>4,200 s.f</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inland Stream _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inland Stream _____

List any variances/special exceptions granted by Zoning Board of Adjustment including dates:

N/A

Describe how your proposal meets the conditions of Article 9.1.6.B of the Town of Exeter Zoning Ordinance:

See Attached

Detailed Proposal including intent, project description, and use of property

This project is intended to level out the front yard of our residence at 104 Brentwood Rd and provide a functional area in the front of our house and a more aestically pleasing alternative to what was there previously. More importantly, it is intended to provide access to the majority of our lot, which is inaccessible at the present time. When we moved to the property in February of 2015 the property was covered in large pines. We were warned by the previous owners of several instances of large limbs falling and hitting vehicles and landing on power lines so we agreed that our best course of action was to have the pine trees removed, which we did in the spring of 2016. The resulting product was a yard full of stumps and boulders, as this is an area where glacial till is prominent. Unfortunately, a portion of this area falls within a wetlands buffer zone which is why we are seeking this Conditional Use Permit.

The scope of the project would be to grind out the majority of the stumps to ground level (without disturbing any of the existing root systems), relocate any small to midsize boulders that are able to be moved with a Bobcat, and then grade the area as smooth as possible, bringing in only enough clean fill needed to achieve this. Our final step would be to skim coat the area with loam and install a new lawn, as well as installation of native wetland plants, such as high bush blueberry and Witch Hazel. The area would serve as a maintained yard and provide access to the back of the property via the newly leveled ground. The lot is approximately 1.5 acres, and the house was built on the extreme northeast corner of the lot. Due to the current topography, it is impossible to access the majority of the lot. Completion of this projection would allow us access for the future construction of a barn and shed on the property, as well as hauling in loam for a garden and lawn on the rest of the property that is not within the buffer zone. We would also be looking to install a brick walkway leading to the front door of our residence. I am a professional landscaper by trade and all work would be performed by myself. I would also like to request a site walk of the property prior to the meeting as I feel this would be beneficial to all parties involved.

Describe how your proposal meets the conditions of Article 9.1.6.B of the Town of Exeter Zoning Ordinance

The proposed use of the property is simply to level the ground for the sake of access to the rest of the property. Because of the topography of the property and the location of the house, this is the only area of the property where an access point could be created. The design of the project, as well as the work performed, will be done so as to minimize detrimental impact to wetland buffer. The project will not create a hazard to individual or public health in any manner.

ABUTTERS: PLEASE LIST ALL PERSONS WHOSE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND ADJOINS OR IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET OR STREAM FROM THE LAND UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD. THIS LIST SHALL BE COMPILED FROM THE EXETER TAX ASSESSOR'S RECORDS.

TAX MAP 61-22
NAME Joseph Foley
ADDRESS 100 Brentwood Rd

TAXMAP _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TAX MAP 61-21
NAME Dorothy Burwell
ADDRESS 1 Greenleaf Dr.

TAX MAP _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TAX MAP 60-1
NAME Tobi Overmars
ADDRESS 108 Brentwood Rd

TAXMAP _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TAX MAP 60-4
NAME Richard Dolloff
ADDRESS 114 Brentwood Rd.

TAX MAP _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TAX MAP 61-25-1
NAME Gretchen Bergill
ADDRESS 97 Brentwood Rd.

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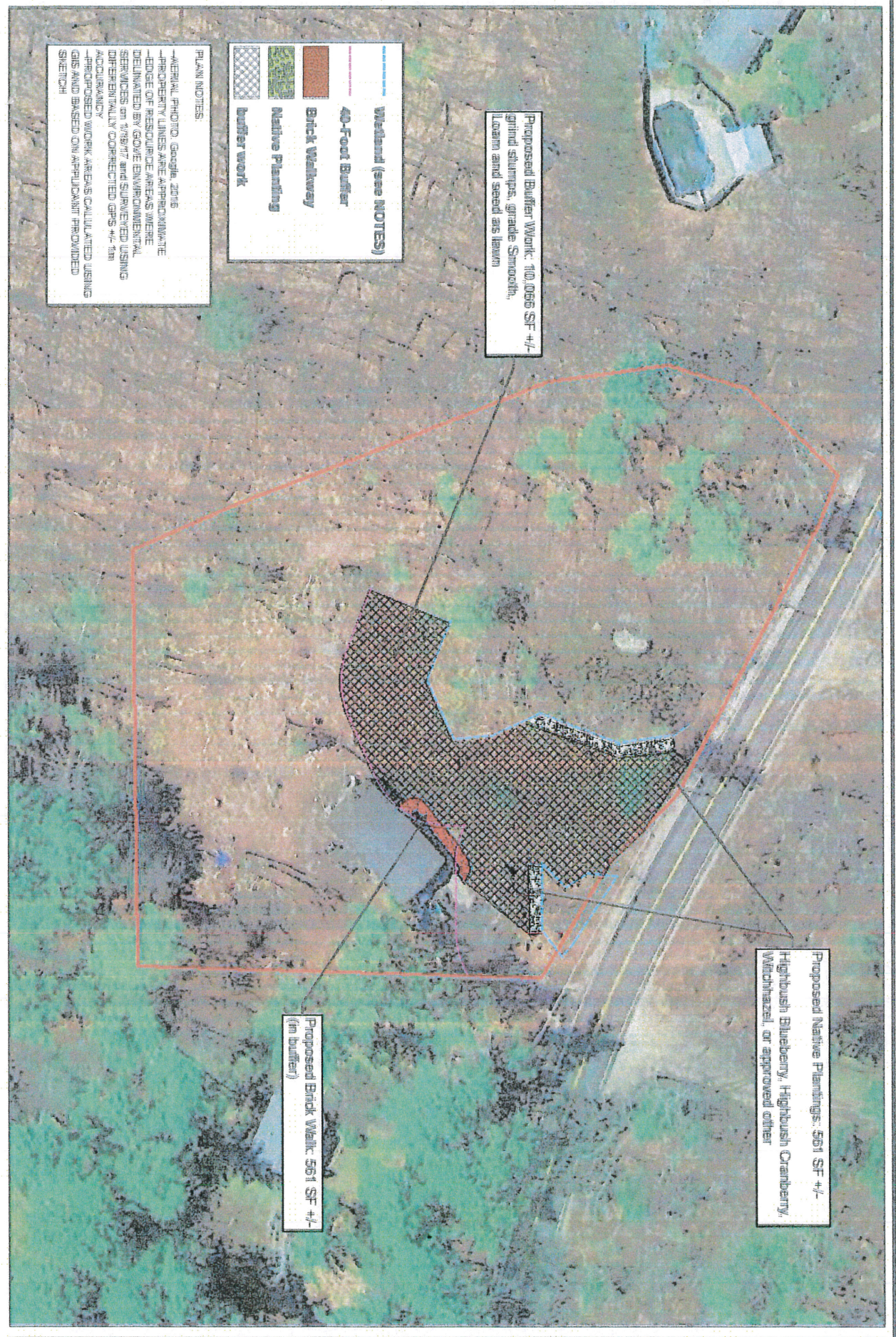
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Please attach additional sheets if needed



Proposed Buffer Work: 110,066 SF +/-
 grind stumps, grade Smooth,
 loam and seed as lawn

Proposed Native Plantings: 561 SF +/-
 Highbush Blueberry, Highbush Cranberry,
 Witchhazel, or approved other

Proposed Brick Walk: 561 SF +/-
 (in buffer)

Wetland (see NOTES)

40-Foot Buffer

Brick Walkway

Native Planting

buffer work

PLAN NOTES:

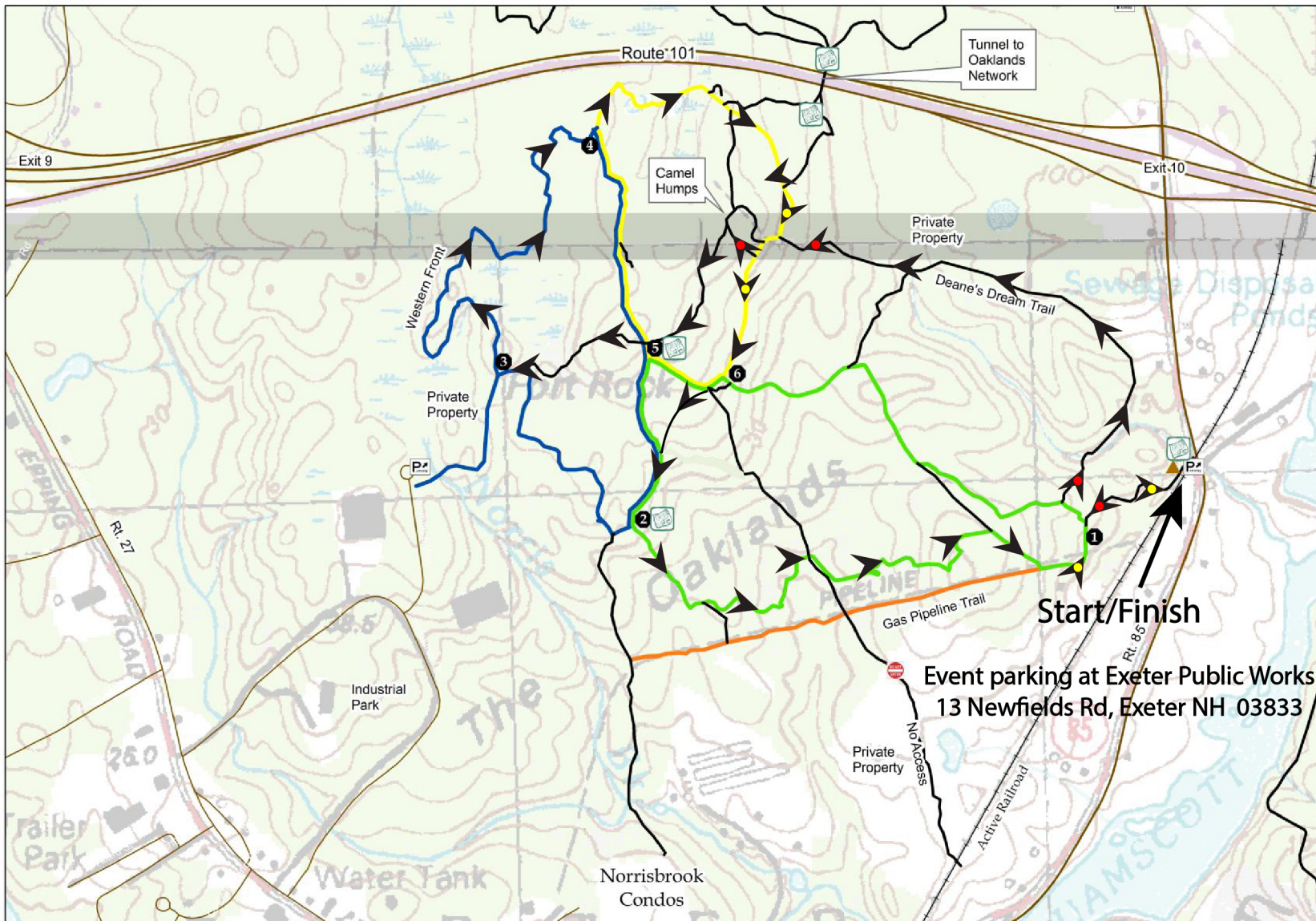
- AERIAL PHOTO, Google, 2016
- PROPERTY LINES ARE APPROXIMATE
- EDGE OF RESOURCE AREAS WERE DELINEATED BY GROVE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES on 1/18/17 and SURVEYED USING DIFFERENTIALLY CORRECTED GPS +/- 1m ACCURACY
- PROPOSED WORK AREAS CALCULATED USING GIS AND BASED ON APPLICATION PROVIDED SKETCH

CUP
Wetland Plan

~~104~~ **1054** Chris Burke
 Brentwood Road
 Exeter, NH

1" = 400'

Grove Environmental Services, Inc.
 Date: 2/1/17



HENDERSON-SWASEY TRAIL NETWORK

This area is the result of donations by several generous individuals and has been set aside for conservation and recreation purposes. The parcels are managed by the Exeter Conservation Commission with the support of many dedicated volunteers.

Non-motorized activities including hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing allow for year-round enjoyment on established trails. Temporary closures may occur during very muddy or wet conditions. Closures will be posted at entrance kiosks and the Town of Exeter website.

Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after.

In accordance with Town Ordinances the following uses are not permitted:

- motorized vehicles
- horseback riding
- hunting

Please respect this land for the benefit of all users.

Report any misuse to the Town of Exeter at (603) 778-0591

- Green Loop (1.65 Miles)
- Blue Loop (1.75 Miles)
- Yellow Loop (0.98 Miles)
- Gas Pipeline (0.50 Miles)
- Additional Trails

	Map Locations		Local Roads
	Trail Posts		Non Maintained Roads
	End of Access		State Roads
	Kiosk		Railroad
	Parking		Private Property
			Parcel Lines
			Other towns
			Exeter

Legend

Start/Finish
Event parking at Exeter Public Works
13 Newfields Rd, Exeter NH 03833

Trail Network
 Town of Exeter, NH



Henderson - Swasey Network



Please note: Some trails cross onto private property. The landowners have allowed the use of the trails, but please respect their property.





Barry Conservation Camp Berlin, NH

1 message

David O'Hearn <dohearn@wtgnh.com>

Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 11:49 AM

To: Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@exeternh.gov>, Alyson L Eberhardt <alysone@wildcats.unh.edu>, Andrew Koff <drewkoff@gmail.com>, Anne Surman <annesurman3@gmail.com>, Bill Campbell <wcampbell@exeter.edu>, Carlos Guindon <cguindon5@gmail.com>, Dave Pancoast <pcoast@comcast.net>, Ginny Raub <coreyraub@comcast.net>, Todd Piskovitch <tpisk@comcast.net>

Cc: Don Clement <dclement43@comcast.net>

Hi Kristen,

I would like to speak to ConCom at our next meeting about sponsoring an Exeter youth to attend a week at Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH for 2017 (if available, looks filled up) or 2018.

<https://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Youth-Family/Barry-Conservation-4-H-Camp>

How would I go about getting it as an agenda item please?

On my last day attending Exeter Junior High School I heard an announcement on the intercom that the Exeter ConCom was looking for interested youths to attend a one week conservation camp at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, NH.

I applied and was accepted.

I was a very mischievous youth at that time. This one week in the woods changed my life but it didn't end there.

In the summer of 1976 I was one of 30 teenagers from all over NH hired by the then Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) to spend 8 weeks at the York Pond Camp at the Berlin Fish Hatchery in Berlin, NH, now called the Barry Conservation Camp.

We fed fish, cleaned raceway screens and counted dead trout. We did hiker surveys and collected sanitized water samples from wilderness ponds in the White Mountain National Forest. We also did TSI (Timber Stand Improvement) with saws and axes (they wouldn't let us run power equipment) in a forest planted in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corp. (CCC) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civilian_Conservation_Corps

A few years ago the camp had a face lift. I attended the weekend work party and slept in the same cot as some thirty years prior. I wrote a story about it.

Please scroll down and read 'Inspiring Future Conservationist' and under that 'A Trip Down Memory Lane'.

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/barrycamp/memories.html>

The summer there changed my life. It has that effect on developing kids. Who knows one may end up a member of Exeter ConCom somewhere down the road. ☺

I look forward to discussing it.

Thank you,

David O'Hearn

Exeter ConCom



Camp Season 2017

Dear Barry Conservation 4-H Camp Families:

A terrific summer camp experience awaits your child at Barry Conservation 4-H Camp! Please review your Payment Information form carefully for the camp and dates for which your child has been enrolled for participation. If there are any discrepancies, please contact our office **immediately** -- 603-788-4961.

Enclosed are the materials necessary for preparing your child for camp. Please become familiar with this information and complete all forms as requested and return them, as well as final payment, by **June 1, 2017** (or earlier if possible) to the camp office. The Camper Health History Form (green) and the Camper Health Care Recommendations by Licensed Medical Personnel (pink) **must be received** at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp, however we will ask that you let us know when we can expect to receive these. **All of these forms are required to attend camp.** If all paperwork is not properly completed, then your child will not be able to stay at camp. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We hope that you are as excited as we are for summer to arrive! Here at Barry Conservation 4-H Camp we are busy planning an exciting fun filled summer at camp that includes programs that emphasize the development of camper's life skills (communication, social skills, decision making abilities, teamwork, and cooperation) while participating in swimming, canoeing, group games, hiking, fishing, archery, outdoor living skills, and other traditional camp activities.

UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Fish & Game continue their commitment to make Barry Conservation 4-H camp the best camp program for your child. We look forward to seeing you at camp!

Enclosures:

Payment Information
Camper Health History Form (green)**
Camper Health Care Recommendations by Licensed Medical Personnel (pink)**
Camper Information Form (yellow)*
Behavior Management*
Family Agreement*
Permission to Possess and Use Epinephrine Auto-injector and / or Asthma Inhaler (optional)
Checklist - Before, During, and after Camp
Family Guide

* **Must be completed, signed, and returned by June 1.**

** **Must be completed and returned at least 2 weeks before arrival at camp, please let us know when to expect these.**



Barry Conservation 4-H Camp! 2017



Includes all of your favorite camp activities:
waterfront, campfires, songs
PLUS....



Barry Conservation 4-H Camp is great for kids who love the outdoors, enjoy hands-on learning in environmental and conservation programs and can benefit from participating in a small camp. Our staff takes pride in creating a special community where kids can discover their individual strengths. Each week has a theme, but also includes a generous complement of traditional camp activities such as swimming, hiking, campfire, canoeing, skits, fishing, archery, and more. Join us and make new friends as you unplug and enjoy the outdoors!

Barry Conservation Camp is operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in cooperation with the N.H. Fish and Game Department. Located in the scenic White Mountain National Forest, Barry Conservation Camp provides a small close-knit community for its 40 campers and 11 staff. Small, cozy cabins house 7 campers and a counselor. Campers are grouped by age and gender. There are new and modern central toilets, shower facilities and a beautiful dining hall complete with a great kitchen which produces legendary meals.



Learn more about Barry Conservation 4-H Camp by visiting our website. Be sure to check out the slide shows to get a glimpse of the setting and of the fun and magical atmosphere at camp. We hope that you will consider giving Barry Conservation 4-H Camp a try! <http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Youth-Family/Barry-Conservation-4-H-Camp>

4-H Shooting Sports **June 25 – 30** **Ages 10-16** **\$495** **Activity Scale 2**
Join us for a week centered on the NH 4-H Shooting Sports program. Certified instructors will help youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, and the basic principles of hunting. Previous shooting sports experience is preferred, but not essential.

Mini-Camp **July 5 – 7** **Ages 8-12** **\$200** **Activity Scale 1**
Mini-Camp is perfect for first-timer campers and younger children! This abbreviated session will include 2 nights and 3 days. Campers will enjoy our caring staff who will introduce them to many fun and exciting camp activities. Learn about nature, try your hand at crafts, explore outdoor games, sing around the campfire...this week has it all.

Fish Camp **July 9 - 14** **Ages 10-16** **\$495** **Activity Scale 2**
Come along and catch the big one! Novice anglers will learn the basic skills and equipment needed to get started fishing while campers with more experience will work on improving their fishing skills and exploring the finer details of the angling world. Campers will also hike, swim, canoe, create campfire skits and enjoy a host of other great activities.

More →

4-H On The Wild Side July 16 - 21 Ages 10 – 16 \$495 Activity Scale 3

Experience nature and reunite with the great outdoors. Paddle a canoe, fillet a fish and cook it over an open fire, sleep under the stars, learn how to observe nature, climb a mountain, swim in a pond, create nature crafts and more. Truly experience the great outdoors. Sounds like fun!

Hunter Education July 23 - 28 Ages 12-16 \$495 Activity Scale 2

Join NH Fish and Game Department Hunter Education staff, volunteer instructors and camp counselors to learn and practice safe, responsible and ethical hunting. If a camper wishes to be eligible for hunter education certification at the end of the week, then some homework must be completed prior to coming to camp.

North Country Adventure July 30 - August 4 Ages 12 - 16 \$495 Activity Scale 3+

Get ready for a fantastic week of exciting outdoor adventure. This week will focus on building your woodcraft skills. Campers will track wildlife, go on a canoe or backpacking adventure, learn about trapping, practice survival skills, navigate with compass and GPS, practice hunting skills, and more. There will be plenty of fishing and shooting sports too.

Junior Conservation Officer August 6 – 9 Ages 14 - 17 \$305 Activity Scale 3++

This session is for older campers who are interested in learning about outdoor careers. New Hampshire Conservation Officers will be at camp all week and will be teaching a host of fun, exciting and interesting sessions. In addition to traditional camp activities, topics will include search and rescue, crime scene investigation, firearms safety, tracking, surveillance, night vision technology, wildlife laws, arrest procedures, K-9 techniques, and much, much more.

*The **Activity Scale** estimates the level of challenging physical activity each week. 1=some, 2=moderate, 3=lots

1/5/17

4hcamps@unh.edu

(603)788-4961

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm>

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University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and NH Counties cooperating.

Registration Information

Registrations will only be accepted if accompanied by a deposit of \$150 per session or if you clearly indicate that your child is receiving a camp scholarship and identify the sponsor. Payment in full must be received by June 1 or else the reservation may not be honored and the slot could be filled by a camper on the waiting list. The preferred method for further communication is by email. If possible include an email address on this form.

Deposits are non-refundable, with the exception of medical necessity (doctor's note required) or if the session is cancelled by UNH 4-H Camps. In both of these instances, a full refund will be given. Regardless of the reason, no fees will be refunded if a camper's cancellation is not received at least 14 days before the first day of the session.

Thank you.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to Order:

Acting Chair Bill Campbell called the session to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Introduction of Members Present

The Chair introduced David O’Hearn, Alyson Eberhardt, Virginia Raub, Bill Campbell, Vice Chair/Acting Chair, Todd Piscovitz, and Anne Surman, BOS Representative.

Also present were Kristen Murphy, Natural Resources Planner, and David Pancoast, Recording Secretary. Members of the public were present as well.

2. Public Comments

Mark Damson of 10 Newfields Road. He has lived in Exeter his entire life, he lives near Swasey Parkway. His younger daughter wanted to go for a hike and they took their puppy with them. His daughter slipped on ice in the parking lot and fell in some dog poo. On the hike, there was dog poop everywhere. He bagged his dog’s poo. This situation is unacceptable. He requested immediate action: the signs at the trail heads are too small. [He passed out some pictures he had taken that day.] [Andrew Koff arrived at 7:06 pm] The Chair said a board member had expressed similar concerns as have others. It is a big problem.

Mr. Damson said the signs are way too small. It is disgusting to say the least. The Chair said the Board would discuss this further at another time.

Action Items:

**1. Climate Risk in the Seacoast (C-Rise) Report
Overview and Feedback Opportunity (Julie LaBranche, RPC)**

Ms. LaBranche said the Commission has had the opportunity to review the maps she had presented and she was here tonight to get input. They are

trying to wrap up the project by the end of the month. She is meeting with BOS on 30th, so there is time beyond tonight to comment. [She passed out another handout- natural resources section with recommendations.] She indicated municipal recommendations and she would like Commission comments on them. The draft report is broad based in scope. It has both immediate actions and short term actions to take to ease flood issues over time. Natural resource impacts are seen more in the long term, less in the short term, though possible.

Ms. Raub asked about Tier 1, 2 and 3 habitats. Ms. LaBranche reported that Tier 1 is highest value habitat. That is in the wildlife action plan. They are scored for rarity and importance. There are distinct areas in towns that fit the criteria. Habitats are not the same but are ranked that way. Ms. Eberhardt asked about tidal flows and directional aspects. Ms. LaBranche said that the maps are being updated. Some areas are not doing well hydraulically, but others are doing well.

Mr. Campbell said he had some comments. Sea level rise of 1.7 ft would affect 7.7 acres of land overall. The new wastewater treatment plant is close to the river, and he was concerned about effects there. Ms. LaBranche said that at that site it would affect about an acre of land at 6.3 foot sea level rise, about an acre at 4 foot rise during flex storm events and over an acre and a half at. The design could withstand flood increases over time.

Ms. Murphy said that water works land is at Clemson Pond, not the wastewater plant. Storm surge affects Clemson Pond, not the waste water plant. Ms. LaBranche went over sea level rise areas at different levels of impact.

Ms. Murphy asked if they have anything that shows the actual acreage that will be affected. She is interested in non-conservation land impacts. There was discussion on this aspect of the data.

Mr. Campbell asked where the figure of 4257 acres comes from on page six of the report? She said it includes wet resources and wetlands. He thought that number was too high. Phillips Exeter Academy's land is not protected.

If pull that out, comes to about 2700 acres. Fish and Game has some protected land in Exeter. He thought 31% is a little high. Exeter uses 16,387 acre figure. Kristen said that's the whole town without removing water resources from the calculation. Ms. LaBranche said she would check on the figures and get back to them. Ms. Murphy accentuated that the Town gets point credits for protecting flood plain lands, which it has done.

There was discussion on the marshes and water levels. Low marsh that is emergent at low tide will become inundated with water at all times. High marsh will shift to emergent. There has been a ten inch sea level rise over the past 100 years. There is a lot of study done on the marshes' ability to keep pace with sea level rise.

Ms. Eberhardt said that marshes are degrading, whether it's sea level rise or not is an issue. She has great concerns about the possible effects on Swasey Park, which was built on salt marsh. Rip rap and walls won't accommodate migration of salt marsh, so that area isn't well poised there for the future. There is choking out of the marsh already, north of Rte 101. There is freshwater influx too. Western side of the Squamscott River is of concern, need to be looking at it. Mr. Campbell said most of the land is protected there, except the railroad and another piece.

Ms. Raub asked about Pg 6 of the report and it seems to not cover past discussions. Ms. Murphy said it's important to acknowledge the concerns, even if the science is disputed, should be listed. Ms. LaBranche said that a caveat could be put in on it. There was discussion on this aspect of the report.

Ms. LaBranche said under the Issues and Considerations section of the report, she will add bullet points for identifying barriers to salt marsh migration and ways to enhance tidal flows. Ms. Eberhardt said NH Fish and Game had modeled salt marsh migration and sea level rise. That is called "SLAMM" modeling. Ms. LaBranche

Ms. Eberhardt asked what they are looking for as feedback? Ms. LaBranche said that environmental and conservation issues of concern would be valuable. The more specific the better and recommendations for

resolutions would be great. Ms. Eberhardt said that saltwater intrusion into the Town's reservoir and aquifer impacts would be a huge concern. There was discussion on groundwater wells being affected by saltwater intrusion. Mr. Campbell suggested she meet with Planning Board as well, due to their Master Planning role currently underway. She is meeting with Town staff tomorrow on this and with the Master Plan consultants too. Inundation of private wells and of public water system will be included.

She closed by saying feel free to send questions, comments and such her way. They would like to issue a draft report in March if possible.

2. Correspondence:

The Chair took this matter out of order. Ms. Murphy said correspondence was received from the Exeter Snow Hounds, and their concerns about Conservation Easement at the Barker property. The date of receipt is unclear. The property off Beech Hill Road had a snowmobile trail through it but the Barkers, who are landowners, closed it to snowmobile access. Town Planner and Code Enforcement and Ms. Murphy went out to the Barker Property and The Planner issued a letter to the Barkers about the condition of the Conservation Easement and some encroachments. She asked if they wanted to hear tonight from the Snow Hounds who are present.

Mr. Campbell said that he wanted to deal with it tonight. Tim Shepard, President of the Exeter Snow Hounds, was present and said that the snowmobile club in Town is the oldest in the state and one of the largest in the country as well. They do a lot of trail maintenance year round for all users. There has been a snowmobile trail through this property and the power lines since the 1950's. Not heavily traveled but only way to get around over there. Two years ago got a voice mail that trail no longer in use. Snow banks were plowed in front of the trail that night. They work with land groups and Fish and Game a lot, due to wanting to preserve the trails usage. The Conservation Easement is for everybody's use and they want to see it held up to what it's supposed to be.

Mr. Campbell said it had to be cleaned up by June. Ms. Murphy said the northern part of the property was subjected to a lot of dumping. Plan does

allow for agricultural uses subject to Commission approval. The owner has not indicated if she has had any change of mind about access. Mr. Campbell said he's not sure what the Commission can do, short of legal action.

Ms. Eberhardt said the Planner's letter explains her action is in violation of the Conservation Easement.

Mr. Piscovitz asked if there is more than signs preventing access. Mr. Shepard said the trail was moved away from the Barkers' house, as far as they could go. The trail has been going through the powerline since the 1950's.

Ms. Murphy said there is no physical barrier at this time blocking the powerline.

Ms. Surman asked if a written plan was received, which was due on January 6th. If there is access to the public, then it has to be all of the public, not just some folks. Mr. Campbell said he would talk to the Planner tomorrow. There was discussion on the language of the easement. Ms. Eberhardt said a snowmobile is a motorized vehicle and they are prohibited from the easement. The owners built two buildings there. Mrs. Barker wants to bring the property into compliance. Mr. Campbell said the Commission can't settle anything on it tonight, it needs more information and time.

Ms. Murphy said she is unsure of the details of the June deadline for cleanup.

3. Master Plan Interview Questions

The Chair discussed the questions that the Master Plan Steering Committee would like everyone to address were in the packets. There is an All Boards Meeting tomorrow night. He would like anyone who can go to come. Ms. Raub said the questions for tomorrow night at All Boards will be done within smaller groups. A statement is wanted from ConCom by Jan 31st. She thinks that she could submit something for tomorrow night's consideration.

Mr. Campbell suggested the group look at the questions and would like some input on them. Ms. Raub said the original Master Plan (“MP”) was done in 2002 and the residents’ comments were all included. This current Plan is an update with less detail than the original plan had. Some recommendations were pursued and one was to hire a Natural Resources Planner and they did that. Number one was a question on whether the Commission has considered the Master Plan when making decisions. Ms. Eberhardt said that some authority exists for refusing land offers if not manageable for it.

Mr. Campbell said that Chapter 7 was about assessing the natural resources and they’ve started doing that. Did do some signage and such. Ms. Murphy said that a lot of it is kudos for the Commission on its efforts. Ms. Eberhardt said a plug for Kristen is to have it all together. Ms. Murphy said that Sylvia did that work and it’s useful.

What are the available tools for the Commission’s work? Ms. Eberhardt said since this is not a regulatory board, her personal goal is to realize the Commission nevertheless has a stronger say than it may seem. Anything that deals with Climate Change and sea level rise is critical and fundamentally necessary. Needs to be in the MP. Sea level model is a tool for them to use to do that.

Mr. Campbell raised the matter of wetlands assessments. Ms. Murphy said that the MP doesn’t have much on wetlands directly, but does have a lot on streams and such. Ms. Surman said that the MP can be used as leverage in decisionmaking. Stormwater and non-point source discharges should be in the MP.

Ms. Eberhardt said that prioritizing living shorelines over built developments would be important. Also she said the pg 22 Education #1, ConCom should work with Exeter School Dept to create environmental curriculum is unwieldy, no one would want the ConCom to do that, should be support and input only.

Ms. Murphy suggested a bike/pedestrian plan might be worth considering adding.

Ms. Raub said that she hopes the MP will contain a design for sustainability across all the boards. All the boards work in their own narrow scope. When ConCom sees the projects, most of the time the big decisions have all been made. They should ask: does this project fit into a green, sustainable community? Mr. Campbell said that many boards and departments have to work together on many projects.

Ms. Raub said there is a public session on 1/25/17 and she will give her input there.

#3: Challenges and barriers to achieving objectives: Mr. Piscovitz said lack of authority is one. Mr. Koff said there is a long “to do” list for this year yet. Mr. Campbell said four more alternates would be useful. Ms. Eberhardt said to ask for more funds. Professional development is important too.

What can the Town do in next ten years to achieve objectives? Better communication among boards is one.

Mr. Piscovitz: page 22, town should do more on regional water resource potential. More cooperation is needed and would be worthwhile.

4. Quarterly Treasurers Report

This was tabled to the next session.

5. Committee Reports

a. Property Management

Raynes Barn inspection will be done due to reports of some vandalism-broken windows and the door to well house. Thursday at 8:30 am for the inspection.

b. Trails

Trail Committee meeting will occur in February, no date decided yet. Dog wastes issue is a big one. Mountain Bike Patrolers were supposedly reporting if

dogs off leash on properties. Ms. Surman walks her dogs and sometimes off leash but always picks up the wastes. Off leash and dog wastes are two very different issues.

c. Outreach

Full Moon Snowshoe event on 2/10/17, need more snow this year, but last one was well attended. Parking is an issue. Discussion on parking and whether to limit it in any way. Once plowed can't park anywhere else, so can say it's closed if parking is full there. Discussion on sign-ups. Ms. Eberhardt liked idea of a sign up, due to limiting it to assure that families with kids that want to go will be able to actually attend and not be turned away.

Ms. Murphy said that if they created a Facebook Event, and anything changed, signup folks would be notified. She said she could set it up and will. There was more discussion on this possibility and the negatives of limiting it to Facebook users. Discussion on number of folks that might attend and signups was held. Ms. Eberhardt said she would look into signup methods.

Mr. Campbell said that Ben Anderson has a snowmobile to pack a trail. Mr. O'Hearn said that isn't the best way to do it. It's best to snow shoe it a few times to get a trail.

Parking volunteers need vests that reflect the lights for safety. Discussion was held to get DPW involved to provide vests. Bonfire was discussed and it was talked about before. Ms. Raub was apprehensive on it, but Mr. Anderson is pretty reasonable and might have a small fire for marshmallows. Ms. Murphy said he would use broken up pallets.

Snack Shack was not equipped enough last time and ran out of everything. They need funds for this event-\$100 would be best. Ms. Eberhardt moved up to \$100 be allocated to the event, Ms. Surman seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

History of the property presentation was discussed. Mr. O'Hearn and Ms. Eberhardt did not support it unless it was done inside the barn for folks that go

in there. Ms. Murphy said a welcome could include a few words on the property in addition to parameters and such.

Lighting was discussed. It started at moonrise. It's a Friday, so need to be able to let folks get home from work. About a 6:00 or 6:30 pm start would be best.

Group walk approach was best, some cut-throughs occurred. Mr. O'Hearn asked if families or folks could go off on their own. Discussion was held on this approach and trail configuration and being able to get back to the Barn and parking. Members need to be there a little early to help with set ups and such. DPW will be asked to provide some parking definition of stanchions and such. An area for emergency vehicles needs to be kept clear and designated.

The bench and plaque for Pete Richardson was discussed. Other groups want to recognize him as well. Mr. Campbell said it should wait until warmer weather and getting some family out there. Ms. Murphy said there should be a river run in kayaks as a commemoration. Ms. Murphy said that Patrick Seekamp might be involved.

6. Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2016

There was discussion on changes, corrections and additions on the Minutes of December 13, 2016. After that discussion Ms. Raub moved to approve them as amended during the discussion and it was seconded by Ms. Surman. Ms. Eberhardt abstained as she was not present that evening but the vote for approval was otherwise unanimous.

7. Correspondence

One matter was taken out of order above by the Chair.

Ms. Murphy also said that she got a legal notice from Stratham at 2 Oxbow Road on the river. No details on development, but public hearing on Jan 18th, one lot line `Municipal Center. Ms. Murphy said she thinks there is some shared Conservation Land interests in Oxbow with Stratham and Exeter.

8. Other Business

Ms. Eberhardt said great training guides on were available from the UNH Cooperative Extension and folks should check them out.

Mr. Koff said that 80 Epping Rd project is quite visible from the Pond, building is quite close. Should think about that in the future. Might not see it in summer with foliage.

Ms. Murphy said the Program Director of YMCA wanted to know if ConCom could walk them through the Morrissette Property. Might be an educational opportunity in future.

9. Next Meeting: Date Scheduled (2/14/17), Submission Deadline (2/3/17)

10. Adjournment:

There being no other business before the Commission, Ms. Raub moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Eberhardt and the vote was unanimous. The Chair adjourned the session at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Pancoast, Recording Secretary.