

MINUTES
NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
23 February 2021

Present: Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Heather Freeman, Victor Piekarski, and Robert Craycraft (Alternate).

All Commission members certified that they were either at home or at their offices and alone.

Mr. Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft as a voting member.

Robin McClain and Scott Kinmond served as moderators on the Zoom meeting.

Public attendance: None.

Public Input

None.

New Business

Mr. Craycraft provided information on grants through Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership.

Review of Minutes

Tabled.

Review of Wetlands Permit by Notification

Wetlands Permit Application by Notification – Thornton, Map 209/Lot 018; 292A Kings Highway. Application relating to seasonal dock. Documents reviewed by members. **Motion to sign application and forward to DES with approval made by Mr. Piekarski, seconded by Mr. Craycraft. Unanimously approved by Mr. Piekarski, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Richard, Mr. Craycraft, and Mr. Gehl.**

Review of Shoreland Applications

None.

Review of Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Application

Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Application – Garrett, Map 108/Lot 072; 93 North Shore Rd. Wetlands application relating to a perched beach and seasonal dock added to existing dock, as it relates to the Conservation Commission. May trigger shoreland review but that is beyond the purview of the Conservation Commission.

Documents reviewed by members. **Motion to allow the application to be forward to DES without comment made by Mr. Piekarski, seconded by Mr. Richard. Unanimously approved by Mr. Piekarski, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Richard, Mr. Craycraft, and Mr. Gehl.**

Review of Mail

Newsletters.

Forest Society: request for contribution; copy of monitoring report from Woodward easement (no changes, no issues; recommendation to clear trees from road frontage in future).

Informational materials from NH Fish & Game regarding trails and wildlife.

Correspondence regarding Thornton property (see above) from DES regarding (1) after the fact application for construction of stormwater diversion ditch, noting series of conditions approved and (2) letter of compliance noting they met conditions in prior letter and enforcement file closed.

Annual report from Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership.

Other / Old Business

Mr. Gehl provided an update that the stewardship monitoring report for Birch Ridge Community Forest was approved and submitted to MMRG.

At 7:34 PM Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Piekarski seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Mr. Gehl, Mr. Richard, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Piekarski, and Mr. Craycraft.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Freeman.