

**MINUTES**  
**NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**27 April 2021**

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

All Commission members certified that they were at home and alone.

Mr. Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft as a voting member.

Robin McClain served as moderator on the Zoom meeting.

Public attendance: None

**Public Input**

None.

**Review of Shoreland Application**

**Shoreland Permit Plan (Revised) – Miller, Map 118/Lot 040; 345 Merrymeeting Road.** Demolition of existing cottage and construction of new cottage further from shoreline. Revisions update square footage of unaltered area on property. Septic improvements are also further from shoreline. No issues with respect to local ordinances.

**Review of Minutes**

March 30, 2021 minutes reviewed; **Motion to approve by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Craycraft. Approved by roll call vote - Mr. Gehl, Mr. Piekarski, Mr. Richard, Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Sullivan.**

**Other / Old Business**

Mr. Gehl provided an update to ZBA consideration of Muddy Road Brewery, Middleton Road: Mr. Gehl provided CC input at ZBA meeting; variance from 50-foot property line setback was not approved, in line with CC recommendation.

Mr. Craycraft updated Commission on successful grant application with Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP). Planning Board working with Strafford Regional Planning Commission to increase setback and buffer requirements for water quality protection - Chair congratulated Bob for excellent work to obtain this \$10,000 grant.

Mr. Piekarski updated the Commission on latest Birch Ridge Community Forest

management committee meeting: focus on recreational opportunities, Stell/Young property expansion.

Mr. Sullivan inquired about Moose Mountains Regional Greenways' (MMRG) forthcoming merger with the Dan Hole Pond (DHP) Watershed Trust. Mr. Gehl outlined that this is an excellent opportunity for MMRG to expand its footprint into Tuftonboro and Ossipee. MMRG will take fee ownership of DHP's conserved properties and assume responsibility for easements. There are exciting opportunities for expanding greenways all the way up to the Ossipee Mountains.

**At 7:36 PM Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Mr. Gehl, Mr. Richard, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Piekarski, and Mr. Craycraft.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl