

MINUTES

NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

31 August 2021

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

Mr. Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Malay as voting members.

Public attendance: Applicant Thomas Hutchinson and nearby residents, Brad Jones and another representative of Jones & Beach Engineers.

Public Input

None.

Review of Wetlands and Non-site Specific Permit Applications

Request for More Information for Wetlands and Non-site Specific Permit Application – Hutchinson, Map 118/Lots 15 and 29; 304 Merrymeeting Road. Chair Gehl read from DES review letter, in part triggered by Conservation Commission letter to DES. Brad Jones of Jones & Beach introduced what they're trying to do, indicated they've discussed with Road Agent. A 3:1 slope from road bed would slope into lake bed. Discussion revolved around addressing DES requirements that "Bank stabilization proposals must demonstrate that the bank cannot be stabilized by using landscaping or bio-engineering (i.e., regrading, replanting, naturalized design techniques, etc.). Bank stabilization projects shall be the least intrusive practicable method to avoid and minimize impacts to the shoreline resource functions and values." Ron and Mark discussed preference for natural shoreline/ boulder wall to minimize wave reflection. Tom Hutchinson (applicant) thought that block wall looked better. Commission expressed preference for boulder wall and indicated that ultimately the applicant must address issues brought up by DES in their letter.

Shoreland Permit Application - Berland, Map 116/Lot 12: 206 South Shore Road. Mark Sullivan recused himself. Application is for a boat lift, some wall repair. Jones & Beach (applicant's representatives) were advised that they will need Conditional Use permits from Planning Board for steep slopes and impervious surface area, they were already planning to submit.

Wetlands Permit-by-Notification - Naylor, Map 116/Lot 20: 220 South Shore Road. Repair to existing border wall in kind. **Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the application and forward to DES by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Malay. Vote: unanimously approved.**

Revised Wetland Plan from Varney Engineering for the Shagoury Lake Corporation at 113 Merrymeeting Road, Map 110 Lot 31. Commission previously approved forwarding this to DES in May 2021.

Wetlands Permit Application from Varney Engineering for AJR Realty Trust for 380 South Shore Road, Map 114 Lot 28. Motion by Mr. Piekarski, seconded by Mr. Craycraft to forward to DES without comment. Vote: Unanimous.

Shoreland Permit Application for the Smith Family Trust for 239 North Shore Road, Map 101 Lot 17. 245 square feet of porous pavers, some retaining wall required and repair of steps down to lake.

Shoreland Permit Application for Deborah Parker of 237 North Shore Road, Map 101 Lot 18. 240 square feet of porous pavers.

2022 Conservation Commission Budget

Consensus was to hold previous year's budget with "placeholder" values in certain categories but emphasize that we cannot go any lower. **Motion by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Richard to recommend a 2022 budget of \$1,477. Vote: Unanimous.**

Review of Minutes

Tabled.

Review of Mail

Other / Old Business

Mr. Piekarski reported on a SELT management committee meeting.

At 8:35 PM Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl