

# **MINUTES**

## **NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **26 October 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: Lauren Teller, Michael Teller, Matt Murphy, Tom Varney.

#### **Public Input**

None.

#### **Review of Wetlands and Non-site Specific Permit Applications**

**Wetlands Permit by Notification for Justin Sellers of 77 North Shore Road, Tax Map 108 Lot 081-082.** No detail provided of replacement wall construction - does not seem to meet requirements of PBN. **Motion by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Malay not to sign application on behalf of CC and forward to DES. Vote: unanimously approved.**

**Revised Wetlands Permit application – revised plan submitted by Varney Engineering, LLC representing Daniel and Nicole Hinchey of 351 Merrymeeting Road, Map 118 Lot 37.** Revised application includes plan to construct block wall behind existing lakefront boulders, considered a good approach by CC members. **Motion by Mr. Craycraft seconded by Mr. Piekarski to forward to DES without comment. Vote: unanimously approved.**

**After the Fact Wetland Restoration Plan submitted by Varney Engineering, LLC representing Matt Murphy for the Kendra Land Common Land located on South Shore Road, Map 112 Lot 14.** Discussion by Mr. Murphy and applicant representative Varney that a cease-and-desist had been issued by David Price of DES. Attempt was made to stabilize shoreline due to numerous users causing damage due to wave action, boat launching, etc., but 2019 approval was for Shoreland Permit only, not a Wetlands Permit. Mr. Murphy says it is difficult to manage the multiple users. Tellers expressed support for proposal. CC members indicated that DES ultimately has final say in the proposal.

**Shoreland Permit Application submitted by Varney Engineering, LLC representing The Fillion Family Revocable Trust-2001 located at 128 South Shore Road, Map 122 Lot 19.** Proposal is to demolish cottage, build in same footprint. Does not seem to require further local review under ordinance.

### **Review of Minutes**

- a. July 27, 2021. **Motion to approve by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Malay. Unanimously approved, with abstentions from Mr. Gehl, Mr. Piekarski and Mr. Richard**
- b. August 30, 2021. **Motion to approve by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Unanimously approved.**
- c. September 28, 2021. **Motion to approve by Mr. Sullivan with correction regarding bill payment, seconded by Mr. Craycraft. Unanimously approved, with abstentions from Mr. Gehl, Mr. Piekarski and Mr. Richard**

### **Review of Mail**

### **Other / Old Business**

Mr. Piekarski reported on a Birch Ridge Community Forest management committee meeting, with plans for trails, other user groups – horseback riding, use of cabin.

Mr. Sullivan indicated that the Merrymeeting Lake Association had obtained formal right of first refusal for the Lion's Camp Pride property, although the Camp is still in operation and there is no current plan to sell property.

Mr. Gehl reported on forthcoming MMRG easement monitoring activities, Mr. Malay and Mr. Richard will coordinate Holm easement monitoring.

**At 8:30 PM Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl