

MINUTES

NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

22 February 2022

Present: Commission members Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Victor Piekarski, Heather Freeman, and Robert Craycraft (Alternate). Mark Sullivan attend by Zoom certified that they were at home and alone.

Absent: Ron Gehl (Chair)

Mr. Richard called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft as a voting member.

Public attendance: Justin Sellers.

Public Input

None.

New Business

None.

Review of Minutes

Tabled.

Review of Wetlands Permit Applications

Wetlands Permit by Notification (Updated/Amended Paperwork) – Sellers, Map 108/Lot -081-82; 77 North Shore Road. Mr. Sellers was in attendance via Zoom. Removal of existing retaining wall with replacement with replenishment of perched beach. Clarification that the amendment is relating to not using concrete wall but instead using natural stone and mortar to retain natural aesthetic.

Review of documents: no specification of steep slope behind the wall or materials being used.

Feedback to Mr. Sellers: requesting further information about materials that will be used on the steep slope, in particular regarding water filtration and barrier to be used.

Mr. Sellers was agreeable to providing further information.

Wetlands Permit by Notification – Norway Plains Associates for Bonisteel, Map 113/Lot 6; 284 South Shore Road. Remove and replace existing rock and timber support for permanent dock pier, removal and reuse of existing rocks, and rebuilding of crib and dock with installation of new tie off posts. Question of whether permit by

notification is appropriate for the work being done. Members decline to sign the permit by notification given lack of clarity regarding whether this is an in-kind replacement appropriate for permit by notification.

Motion to forward to DES without signature with note that we request more information regarding in kind replacement by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Freeman. Approved unanimously by Mr. Richard, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Craycraft, Mr. Piekarski, and Ms. Freeman.

Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit – Northwing Design and Permit for Kelley, Map 109/Lot 034; 59 North Shore Road. Permit with removal and relocation of dock with boat lifts (total of three lifts (one boat, two PWC)) – including one lift in the 40-60 foot section, all lifts on the same side). Described as “Replace existing seasonal dock that consists of a lead-on connected main dock. Install a single seasonal boatlift and two seasonal PWC lifts.” **Motion to forward to DES without signature with note that we request more information regarding what necessitates the dock length of 60 feet (as opposed to 40 feet, given two lifts within the 40 foot limit); requesting further information regarding potential impacts to navigation; requesting further information as to why a dredge & fill application was filed; requesting further information as to schematics/measurements and existing structures; and noting proximity to loon nesting grounds** by Ms. Freeman, seconded by Ms. Piekarski. Approved unanimously by Ms. Freeman, Mr. Piekarski, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Richard.

Review of DES correspondence on this permit, determining it was administratively complete, requesting input on or before February 16, 2022 (Permit submitted to DES February 7, 2022). Review of regulations regarding timeline for decision, check database and is under technical review and assigned to Calvin Diessner at DES.

Review of Mail

DES correspondence

Letter regarding annual monitoring of Woodward site (Forest Society)

Other Business

Mr. Craycraft provided an update on conditional use permits coming before the Planning Board and to ensure the various boards are represented in this process.

At 8:34 PM Ms. Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Mr. Richard, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Piekarski, Mr. Craycraft, and Mr. Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Freeman.