MINUTES
NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
30 January 2018

Present: Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Heather Freeman, Bob Craycraft (Alternate).

Others Present: John Goyette

Chair Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit as a voting member.

Public Input

John Goyette spoke to the Commission about creating a Merrymeeting Conservation Trust (MCT), which would raise and disburse funds to further conservation efforts in the greater Merrymeeting Lake area. Mr. Goyette cited the continuing heavy logging of the Birch Ridge property as a clear call for conservation easements and/or purchase of properties within and adjacent to the watershed, and noted this trust could potentially be formed in conjunction with Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG). It was noted that the entire area surrounding Merrymeeting Lake and most of the northern half of New Durham are mapped as highest priority for conservation in MMRG's Conservation Action Plan.

Review of Minutes

Review of November 28, 2017 minutes tabled.

Review of Wetland and Shoreland Applications

Shoreland Permit Application – Detzel, Map 101/Lot 23, 227 North Shore Road. Addition of seasonal dock. **Motion by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Ms. Freeman to forward to DES without comment. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Shoreland Permit Application – Ahlin, Map 113/Lot 53, 113 South Shore Road. Addition of seasonal dock. **Motion by Mr. Craycraft, that construction should proceed only from lake side due to extremely steep slopes and environmental constraints. Seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Shoreland Permit approval was received from DES for Gentes, Map 209/Lot 22. Mr. Craycraft noted that the proposal violates the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (Shorefront Conservation Overlay District) due to the increase of impervious service to an amount greater than 20%. Mr. Craycraft will follow up with Code Enforcement Officer.

Review of Mail

At 8:05 PM Ms. Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl, Chair.