

# **MINUTES**

## **NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **24 April 2018**

**Present:** Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Mark Sullivan, Bob Craycraft (Alternate).

Chair Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit as a voting member.

#### **Public Input**

There was no public input

#### **Review of Minutes**

Review of November 28, 2017 and January 30, 2018 minutes tabled.

#### **Review of Wetland and Shoreland Applications**

**Shoreland Permit Application – Svedsen/Parsons, Map 108/Lot 50, North Shore Road.** Application for driveway, cleared area, porch and stairs down steep slope to lake. Mr. Craycraft noted that Planning Board review will be required due to steep slopes, stormwater management. No construction details were provided. There is insufficient data review. **Motion by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Richard to provide DES notification of insufficient data and requirement for local review due to steep slopes. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **Election of Officers**

Tabled until full Commission is present.

#### **Update on Birch Ridge Property**

Mark Sullivan provided the update. Purchase rights to the approximately 2,000-acre property were sold to Lloyd Poland, with intent to market the property post-logging for development. Price was fixed at \$2M, no negotiation. The Merrymeeting Lake Association (MMLA) didn't want to take risk of other development occurring and agreed to the price with \$200K down payment. Hope is for an April 2019 closing. MMLA is working with other conservation partners and NH Fish & Game to come up with funding.

#### **Review of Mail**

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Craycraft noted that the recent Town Master Plan update called for an update to the

Natural Resource Inventory within 2 years, and will need to be discussed further.

**At 7:55 PM Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl, Chair.