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MINUTES NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION 29 May 2018

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

Chair Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and designated Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Malay to sit as a voting members.

Public Input

Resident Mike Gelinas discussed improvements to the Town boat landing near the fish hatchery – erosion issues were identified in watershed planning. Mike showed slides of suggested improvements and would like to file a Wetlands Application to DES. Consensus from Commission members was that the proposed work would improve conditions at the landing, but that more detailed plans may be necessary for drainage improvements and construction details.

Review of Minutes

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017 with minor amendments, seconded by Mr. Malay. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was unanimously approved, with Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Malay abstaining.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, seconded by Mr. Craycraft. The motion was unanimously approved, with Ms. Freeman and Mr. Malay abstaining.

Review of Wetland and Shoreland Applications

No new applications received for review. A Shoreland Impact application for Lot #50 North Shore Road was approved by DES without comment. This sparked a discussion about enforcement – can we get additional assistance from Code Enforcement Officer to carry some weight before DES?

Election of Officers

After some discussion about time constraints on the part of Committee members, and in the absence of any other nominations, Mr. Gehl reluctantly agreed to continue to serve as Chair.

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Mr. Sullivan made a motion to appoint Mr. Gehl as Chair through March 2019, seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gehl made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard as Vice Chair through March 2019, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The motion was unanimously approved.

Status Update – Birch Ridge Property

Mr. Gehl explained that after a down payment was paid by the Merrymeeting Lake Association (MMLA), the Southeast Land Trust's (SELT) Board approved taking on project planning and fundraising for conserving the property. SELT is taking a lead role, with assistance from MMLA and Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG). Enormous effort has already been put into the project by MMLA, SELT and MMRG.

Review of Mail

Other/Old Business

WidowMaker Farm Easement – Mr. Gehl explained that easement language was being worked about between LCHIP and MMRG.

At 8:08 PM Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl, Chair