

MINUTES

NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

28 November 2023

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

NOTE: Town of New Durham Zoom was not available

Mr. Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Malay as voting members.

Public attendance: None

Public Input

None.

Review of Minutes

Review of July 25, 2023 Minutes tabled.

Motion to approve October 31, 2023 Minutes as amended made by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Ms. Freeman; **approved by Mr. Craycraft, Ms. Freeman, and Mr. Gehl; Mr. Malay, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Richard abstained.**

New Business

None.

Review of Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications

Review of after-the-fact application LoPiano, 309 S. South Shore Rd, Tax Map 113/Lot 26 to address the documented violations including replenishment of sand, dock installation, and tree pruning.

Ms. Freeman made a Motion for the Chair to write to DES with comment to the effect of noting the members' consensus that it appears that the sedimentation in the lake is from the placed sand, not from the intermittent stream; furthermore, to request erosion control measures be implemented and a revised application for the installation of a perched beach be submitted; seconded by Mr. Craycraft; approved unanimously.

Review of Mail

Correspondence from DES and Correspondence from Varney Engineering regarding prior violation notice for **Kendra Ln/Common Land, South Shore Rd, Map 102/Lot**

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Correspondence from DES regarding Wetlands & non-site-specific Permit, **North Shore Rd., Map 102/Lot 031.**

Correspondence from DES regarding Wetlands & non-site-specific Permit, Wetlands & non-site-specific Permit, **373 Merrymeeting Rd., Map 110/Lot 028.**

Other Business

Continued discussion of Mount Bet/Freese Project conservation opportunity, which is adjacent to Collins Family Forest (SELT). Continued discussion of monies to be spent *after* the transaction to help with other improvements (e.g., parking area, after the fact management of the property) consistent with goal to promote the reasonable use of the lands through a conservation fund allowance via donation to SELT.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to allocate \$3,000.00 from the conservation fund for a “capital cost and management planning” donation to SELT for use at the Mount Bet/Freese Project, to be followed by a public hearing (at a date TBD) for authorization of withdrawal of funds from the Conservation Fund; seconded by Mr. Craycraft; approved unanimously.

Reminder of recurring donation of \$100 membership to SELT

Mail and correspondence review

- Notices from other boards
 - ZBA: Rhoades and Rhoades motion for rehearing; Boop/Leigh
 - Planning: Brar conditional use permit; Opolski conditional use permit; Meetinghouse consultation
- Newsletters from Granite State Tree Farmer and SELT

At 8:04 PM Ms. Freeman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Malay seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Freeman