

DRAFT MINUTES
NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Chairperson Cathy Allen called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Roll Call: Cathy Allyn (Chair), Paddy McHale, Ron Gehl, Bob Craycraft (Alternate)

Members Excused: Charles Berube (Vice-Chair), Bill Malay

Others Present: Arthur Capello (Code Enforcement Office), David Allen (staff)

Members: Cathy Allyn reported that the Board of Selectmen had appointed Ron Gehl as a regular member. Commission members welcomed him to full membership.

Enforcement: Mr. Capello discussed with the commission the ways in which he could be helpful in the enforcement of town and state Shore Front laws and regulations. He emphasized the importance of receiving copies of plans and state permits as early in the process as possible. David Allen will work to see that that happens.

Mr. Capello noted that his familiarity with the trades people in the area will help him know which ones follow the guidelines closely, and which ones sometimes cut corners.

He suggested that his approach will be to call an applicant when a permit application is received, let them know that he will be involved in the monitoring of the project, and ask that they give him a courtesy phone call when they know their start date. In that way he can avoid "bugging them" with phone calls or visits before anything commences.

Arthur also noted that it would be helpful if he could have a boat tour of the lake so get a picture of it from the lake side. He noted that many Shore Front projects cannot be seen from the road. Members noted that Bill Malay had offered that opportunity several times.

Educational Mailing: Commission members discussed their plan to send an educational mailing to lake residents. They agreed the end of May would be the best time because of the influx of summer time residents at that time. Cathy

Allyn agreed to write a cover letter that would be mailed out with the 12-page publication from NHDES titled Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management at that time.

Master Plan: The Commission discussed the role it might play in developing the next master plan. No decisions were made.

Minutes: Paddy McHale moved to accept the minutes of January 31, 2012 as slightly amended. Cathy Allyn seconded. Approved 3-0 with Bob Craycraft abstaining as he was not present.

Commission Chair: Cathy Allyn said she needed to step down as Commission chair because so much of her time is taken in caretaking for her mother. **She moved to elect Ron Gehl as chair.** Paddy McHale suggested holding off on the election until the next meeting. Others agreed.

Paddy McHale moved to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Bob Craycraft seconded. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Allen
Land Use Administrative Assistant