

# Draft Minutes

## New Durham Conservation Commission

### May 29, 2012

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Vice-Chair Charlie Berube called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Roll Call:** Charlie Berube (Vice-Chair), Bill Malay, Paddy McHale

**Excused Absence:** Cathy Allyn, Bob Craycraft, Ron Gehl

**Shoreland Permits:** Bill Malay said that the permitting process for his neighbor, Elise Patrick was taking a long time for a minor project. Steve Hillsgrove, the contractor, expressed great frustration about the permitting. He said the NHDES had kicked it back to him asking for additional information. David Allen offered to call DES to try to clarify the reasons for the delay. Mr. Hillsgrove said he would start by calling Dori Wiggin in the Portsmouth office, as he had a good relationship with her.

**Town Forester:** The Commission agreed to invite the Town Forester to come to the June 26 meeting. They want to discuss their overlap in responsibilities and ways they may be able to work together.

**Shoreland Protection Workshop:** The Commission identified several means of communicating the June 19 workshop on Shoreland Protection, including having a promotional flyer at the Marina and the old Firehouse.

**Mailing to Lake Residents:** The Commission discussed options for mailing out the DES Homeowners Stormwater Brochure. David Allen will check with the Post Office.

**250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party:** Commission members reviewed details of their plans for a display at the event. Bill Malay suggested having copies of the Forest Society's booklet on the benefits of conserving land available for landowners. He noted that it costs \$5.

**Master Plan:** Bill Malay said they might want to encourage the Town to finish the process of designating Prime Wetlands. Charlie Berube asked what the differences were between State designation of Prime Wetlands and the current town ordinance in terms of requirements and protections. Paddy thought that Bob Craycraft would know about that and suggested asking him to report on the differences at the next meeting.

**Conservation Activity:** Bill Malay updated members on some conservation activities. He has continued to work with the Hammonds. The Forest Society may be in line for a Forest Legacy grant that New Durham could benefit from if it had its "ducks in order". The town would need owners ready to place an easement on a collective total of at least 1000 acres.

Commission members asked David Allen to send pdf copies of the NRI maps to all of them.

Paddy McHale said he would be willing to serve as chair of the Commission. Action on his offer was held over for a time when more members would be present.

Paddy McHale moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Bill Malay seconded. Approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David Allen  
Land Use Administrative Assistant