

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
24 SEPTEMBER 2013**

PRESENT: Commission members Paddy McHale (Chair), Charlie Berube, Ron Gehl, Bill Malay (Alternate), Bob Craycraft (Alternate- arrived at 8:05 pm), Recording Secretary Amy Smith.

Chair McHale called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and designated Mr. Malay to sit in as a voting member. Ms. Smith informed Board members that Mr. Craycraft had contacted her and asked her to let Commission members know he would be late.

Review of Permit by Notification – Richard & Diane Thayer – 407 Merrymeeting Lake Road – Map 111 Lot 018

Commission members reviewed the application for a Permit by Notification for Richard & Diane Thayer – 407 Merrymeeting Lake Road – Map 111 Lot 018. Commission members had no issues with the application.

Review of Minutes

Commission members reviewed the minutes of 27 August 2013. Mr. Berube suggested inserting on page 2, under ‘Review of Expedited Review Wetlands Permit for Charles & Doris Healey- 36 South Shore Road- Map 120 Lot 015’, 5th line down - “Mr. Berube asked the Healeys if they had a Grant of Right. Mr. Healey stated he received a Grant of Right from the Governor and Council in 1996.” **Mr. Berube made a motion to approve the minutes of 27 August 2013 as amended. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 3 affirmative votes (Malay, Berube, McHale) and one abstention (Gehl).**

Review of Mail

Commission members reviewed the mail.

2014 Budget

Commission members reviewed the budget. Commission members agreed to bring the ‘Mileage’ line back up to \$100.00. Ms. Smith stated she had contacted both Moose Mountain Regional Greenways and Strafford Rivers Conservancy regarding the cost of dues and what the respective organizations do for New Durham specifically. Ms. Smith stated she had heard back from MMRG but not from Strafford Rivers Conservancy. Ms. Smith gave a copy of the information from MMRG to Chair McHale. Ms. Smith did note that there have been various computer and internet issues over the past few weeks so it is possible that Strafford Rivers Conservancy did not

receive her e-mail. Mr. Malay suggested e-mailing SRC again. Ms. Smith stated she would and would also call them to ensure the e-mail was received. Ms. Smith stated the Finance Officer informed her that the Town has still not received the bill for the Merrymeeting Lake water quality test. Commission members suggested speaking with Mr. Craycraft regarding this.

Chair McHale asked when the Conservation Commission is scheduled to present the budget to the Selectmen. Ms. Smith stated the budget needs to be submitted by 11 October 2013 and the Commission is scheduled to present their budget on 25 November 2013 at 2:00 pm. Chair McHale stated he would contact Board of Selectmen Chair Terry Jarvis to respectfully request the time be changed to accommodate working people.

At 8:05 pm Mr. Craycraft arrived and Chair McHale designated him to sit in as a voting member.

Non-Public Session

At 8:07 pm Mr. Gehl made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (d) consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to the general community. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Berube – Aye; Craycraft – Aye; Gehl – Aye; Malay- Aye; McHale – Aye.

At 8:36 pm Mr. Gehl made a motion to exit non-public session. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

While in non-public session the Commission discussed a Conservation Easement.

Thompson Property – Map 269 Lot 007

Commission members briefly discussed the presentation given by Rod Thompson and Keith Fletcher on 27 August 2013. **Mr. Craycraft made a motion the New Durham Conservation Commission, through Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, fund \$5,000.00 toward the completion of the Thompson Conservation Easement. Mr. Gehl seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

At 9:05 pm Mr. Gehl made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Berube seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Smith
Recording Secretary