

**MINUTES  
NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
25 MARCH 2014**

**PRESENT:** Commission members Paddy McHale (Chair), Ron Gehl (Vice-Chair), Charlie Berube, Bob Craycraft (Alternate), Recording Secretary Amy Smith.

**EXCUSED:** Bill Malay (Alternate)

Chair McHale called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit in as a voting member.

**Thompson Easement**

Ms. Smith informed Commission members the Town received an invoice from Moose Mountain Regional Greenways for the Town's commitment to the Thompson project. Ms. Smith also noted the Town's Finance Officer had questions about the invoice and the Commission vote that authorized the Town's commitment. Ms. Smith noted she has already e-mailed Moose Mountain requesting the appropriate documentation the Finance Officer needs ensuring MMRG is a "qualified organization" as defined in section 170(h)(3) of the IRS Code of 1986. Ms. Smith also noted the vote taken at the 26 November 2013 meeting to clarify the original 24 September 2013 vote should be retaken as there were only 3 members present at the 26 November 2013 meeting.

Commission members reviewed RSA 36-A:5 -"Appropriations Authorized". Commission members asked Ms. Smith to e-mail Moose Mountain Regional Greenways and ask for a corrected invoice clarifying that the \$5,000 is for future stewardship costs of the Thompson property and not for the purchase of the Thompson property. Vice-Chair Gehl volunteered to write a memo to the Town Treasurer regarding the disbursement of money from the conservation fund pursuant to RSA 36:A-5 II for the future stewardship costs of the Thompson property. **Vice Chair Gehl made a motion to clarify the Commission's 24 September 2013 motion regarding the Thompson property stating – the Conservation Commission's intent is that the \$5,000 is to assist with the stewardship cost of the Thompson conservation easement. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Review of Minutes**

Commission members reviewed the public minutes of 29 October 2013.

**Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to approve the minutes of 29 October 2013 as printed. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Commission members reviewed the non-public minutes of 29 October 2013.

**Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 29 October 2013 as printed. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of 29 October 2013 until such time as the associated transaction is completed or the project is terminated. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Commission members reviewed the public minutes of 26 November 2013.

**Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to approve the minutes of 26 November 2013 as printed. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Commission members reviewed the non-public minutes of 26 November 2013.

**Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 26 November 2013 as printed. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of 26 November 2013 until such time as the associated transaction is completed or the project is terminated. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Commission members reviewed the public minutes of 28 January 2014.

**Mr. Berube made a motion to approve the minutes of 28 January 2014 as printed. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Commission members reviewed the non-public minutes of 28 January 2014.

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 28 January 2014 as printed. Mr. Berube seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of 28 January 2014 until such time as the associated transaction is completed or the project is terminated. Mr. Berube seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Other Business**

Commission members discussed the large structure and the boat storage area on the Weldon property. Commission members asked Ms. Smith to send an e-mail to the Code Enforcement Officer requesting he verify the structure and activities are compliant with State and local regulations specifically steep slope and storm water management.

### **Membership**

Commission members discussed the membership issue. Commission members agreed to put an Article on the 2015 Warrant to reduce the Commission's membership to 5 members as opposed to 6 members. Commission members also agreed to think of names of any potential residents who may be interested in serving on the Conservation Commission.

### **Review of Mail**

Commission members reviewed the mail.

**At 8:28 pm Vice-Chair Gehl made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Smith  
Recording Secretary