

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NON-PUBLIC MINUTES  
28 OCTOBER 2014**

**PRESENT:** Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Charlie Berube, Curtis Richard, Bill Malay (Alternate), Bob Craycraft (Alternate), Recording Secretary Amy Smith.

**Non-Public Session**

**At 8:30 pm Chair 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; Richard – Aye.**

Chair Gehl gave Commission members a brief rundown regarding the Clarke property, Map 251 Lot 12, and shared an e-mail from Tom Howe of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding the parcel. The Commission discussed conserving the parcel last Fall but Mrs. Clarke had second thoughts. Mr. Howe's e-mail noted Mrs. Clarke is again interested in conserving the property. Commission members discussed their vote of 24 September 2013.

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion to rescind the Commission's vote of 24 September 2013 regarding Map 251 Lot 12. Mr. Berube seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion the New Durham Conservation Commission expend \$45,350 from the Town of New Durham's Conservation Fund to be conveyed to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for covering costs incurred by the Society (capital, transaction, and/or stewardship) in its acquisition and conservation of the 38 acre parcel, Map 251 Lot 12, to be purchased by the Society from Ruth Clarke for a price of \$43,350. The Forest Society would assume fee ownership of the parcel and the Town of New Durham would have an executory interest. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Chair Gehl stated a public hearing will need to be held and noted Ms. Smith could set it up after the Purchase and Sale agreement has been signed.

As with other non-public minutes regarding this project, it was agreed the minutes would be sealed until the transaction is completed.

**At 8:55 pm Chair Gehl made a motion to exit non-public session. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Smith  
Recording Secretary