**MINUTES**

**NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**30 AUGUST 2016**

**Present:** Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Mark Sullivan, Bob Craycraft (Alternate).

**Others Present:** Mike Gelinas

Chair Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit as voting member.

**Public Input**

Mike Gelinas reported on conductivity and phosphorous testing being conducted along the Merrymeeting River from the state fish hatchery to Downing’s Pond, and other observations made as follow-up to the recent closing of the pond resulting from discovery of cyanobacteria. Testing will continue with assistance from the Milfoil Committee.

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes of July 26 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bob Craycraft, seconded by Curtis Richard. Unanimously approved.

**Review of Applications**

**Wetlands Permit by Notification Application – Saleski, Map 113/Lot 40, 326 S. Shore Road.** Shoreland wall restoration and associated impact. Motion by Bob Craycraft, seconded by Mark Sullivan to forward the application to DES without Commission signature due to lack of detail on methods and process. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Wetlands Permit Application – McKenna, Map 104/Lot 3, 150 Cedergren Road.** Rock removal adjacent to dock. Very complete application. Motion by Bill Malay, seconded by Mark Sullivan to approve the application and forward to DES. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Wetlands Permit Application – Mullaney, Map 111/Lot 8, 32 Elly Point Road.** Stair construction to Lake, minimal impact. Motion by Mark Sullivan, seconded by Bob Craycraft to approve the application and forward to DES. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Review of Mail**

The Commission reviewed incoming mail.

**Other/Old Business**

Chair Gehl discussed the forthcoming public input/visioning session for the Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) Conservation Action Plan on September 29, and provided an update on the Widowmaker Farm conservation easement project being led by MMRG. Mark Sullivan initiated a conversation on the typical process of placing a property in a conservation easement.

**At 8:38 PM Bob Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Curtis Richard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl, Chair.