

NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 26, 2016

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

Others Present: David Bickford, videographer Brian Nelson

Chair Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit in as a voting member.

Public Input: There was no public input.

Review of Applications

Wetlands Permit Application (Minimum Impact) - Scott & Penny Williams - Map 240 Lot 037 - Penny Lane. Mr. Craycraft noted that this application had already been approved by NHDES for two wetlands crossings. The Planning Board had communicated with DES noting that the property was not buildable due to its designation as a woodlot under New Durham Zoning Ordinance.

Shoreland Permit Application - Leslie Bruce & Cathryn Long - Map 114 Lots 45 & 46- 400 South Shore Road. While the Commission has no statutory authority to review Shoreland Permit applications, the Commission undertakes review to evaluate compliance with Town ordinances and regulations. No issues found with this application.

Wetlands Permit Application - Audrey Yanoff - Map 116 Lot 15 - 212 South Shore Road. Consensus of members was to forward to DES without comment.

Wetlands Permit Application - Jason & Jennifer Silva - Map 112 Lot 17- 260 South Shore Road. Consensus of members was to forward to DES without comment. Members found the application of nearly 1,000 square feet of “grass pavers” to reinforce the ground within the poorly drained soils area unusual, but should be left to DES review.

Wetlands Permit Application – Wendy Munroe - Map 112 Lot 16- 258 South Shore Road. Consensus of members was to forward to DES without comment. This lot is adjacent to Silva property above and has similar issues.

Shoreland Permit Application – Brad Ligols - Map 108 Lot 70 – 95 North Shore Road. No issues found with this application.

Review of Minutes

Commission members reviewed the minutes of 27 October 2015. Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Mail

The Commission reviewed incoming mail. Notable items included receipt of the annual easement monitoring report of the Woodward property from the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), and results from the successful 2015 Merrymeeting Lake monitoring program. Bob Craycraft indicated that lake water quality continues to be excellent.

Other/Old Business

The conservation easement monitoring report for the Holm property was reviewed, documenting the inspection conducted by Mr. Richard and Mr. Malay with owner Don Holm on November 1, 2015. Mr.

Richard provided excellent documentation of compliance with all easement terms, and noted that Mr. Malay had filed documentation of the inspection with the Southeast Land Trust (SELT).

Mr. Gehl noted that Messrs. Malay and Gehl participated in the easement monitoring walk for the Thompson property, led by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG).

Mr. Gehl reported that MMRG is kicking off efforts for its regional conservation action planning initiative, which will request the participation of Conservation Commissions in the seven-town region. The planning project will identify conservation priorities for the region, and help provide a more consistent approach to linking land conservation projects across town boundaries.

At 8:35 pm Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl, Chair.