

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**26 APRIL 2016**

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

**Others Present:** Mark Sullivan

Chair Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm and designated Mr. Craycraft to sit in as a voting member.

**Review of Applications**

**Wetlands Permit Application – Crawford Driveway Access, Map 252/Lot 76, Tash Road.** Slightly less than 8,000 square feet of wetland impacts for the proposed construction of a driveway. The property does not appear to meet the requirements of a buildable lot under the zoning ordinance due to insufficient frontage. Motion by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Richard to not sign the application, and to have the Land Use Administrator inform the applicant, the Planning Board and the Building Inspector that the property does not appear to be a buildable lot. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Review of Minutes**

Review of the minutes of March 29 was tabled until the next meeting.

**Review of Mail**

The Commission reviewed incoming mail.

**Other/Old Business**

Mark Sullivan has submitted an application to join the Conservation Commission and briefly discussed his interest and applicable experience. Consensus of the members was to support his appointment to the Commission.

Chair Gehl discussed an effort by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) to acquire a conservation easement on the “Widowmaker Farm” property, 130 acres at the southern tip of New Durham, to be donated by the owners. Mr. Gehl outlined the outstanding wetland and forest resources on the property, which is at the headwaters of the Suncook River. MMRG is applying for an Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) grant with the state to help defray transactional and stewardship costs. The consensus of the members was to strongly support the grant application. Chair Gehl will write a letter of support.

Mr. Craycraft indicated that the Planning Board is proceeding with an update of the town's Master Plan, and that the Board is looking for input on the forthcoming Natural Resources section of the Plan.

**At 8:00 PM Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gehl, Chair.

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