

**NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
28 FEBRUARY 2017**

**Present:** Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Bob Craycraft (Alternate), Heather Freeman (Alternate), Mark Sullivan (attended remotely via speakerphone)

**Others Present:** Videographer Justin Heiser

Vice Chair Richard called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and designated Mr. Craycraft and Ms. Freeman to sit in as voting members.

**Review of Minutes**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from 29 November 2016 and 31 January 2017 meetings. **Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes of 29 November 2016 and 31 January 2017 as prepared. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with two affirmative votes (Craycraft and Richard) and one abstention (Freeman).**

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Wetland Permit by Notification – Francisco A. Pacheco – Map 122/Lot 25 - 138 South Shore Road**

The Commission reviewed a Standard Dredge and Fill Application for Francisco A. Pacheco. The application calls to reconstruct 30 linear feet of existing retaining wall adjacent to Merrymeeting Lake, with a total impact of 300sqft. Members agreed that the application was straightforward and did not appear to have any negative impacts.

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the Wetland Permit by Notification for Francisco A. Pacheco for property located at 138 South Shore Road, Map 122 Lot 25. Mr. Richard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**WidowMaker Farm Property – Contribution Discussion**

The Commission discussed contributing money to the WindowMaker Farm Easement, which is being led by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG). Members agreed that a \$10,000 commitment would be ideal, considering the size of the property in the Town and its significant natural and historical features. The purpose of the contribution would be for facilitating the completion of the Easement. The Commission also agreed to recommend that the Town hold executory interest in the Easement. The Commission must have a public hearing before making any further recommendation to the Selectmen. Contributions would be appropriated from the Conservation Fund.

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion to hold a public hearing at the March Conservation Commission meeting to discuss the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Conservation Fund and recommendation of executory interest for the WindowMaker Farm Easement. Ms. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **Review of Mail**

Commission members reviewed mail, including a couple of wetland application approval letters from DES, as well as one returned application due to a missing fee. Members also reviewed newsletters from various organizations.

**At 7:31pm, Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Richard  
Vice Chairman