

New Durham Planning Board August 4, 2016

Master Plan – Natural Resources – Public Forum Community Room

Presented by the Planning Board. Members in Attendance: Vice-Chairman Robert Craycraft, Dot Veisel, Theresa Chabot, and Selectmen Representative David Swenson, and Conservation Commission Representative Mark Sullivan.

Members of the public in attendance: Town Administrator Scott Kinmond, Recreation Director Nichole Hunter, resident Terry Jarvis, resident Curtis Richard.

Selectmen Swenson began with an overview of the Master Planning process. During the meeting a goal concept was developed to “Preserve New Durham’s natural resources and rural landscape for the sustainable health, safety, and welfare of current and future generations.”

Conservation Commission Representative Mark Sullivan began with a presentation on Natural Resources and elicited some goal ideas and strategies from the attendees:

The list of goals included:

- Preserve landscape
- Protect and expand forest and farms
- Protect and preserve wildlife habitats
- Protect New Durham’s water bodies
- Include unseen aquifers and an inventory of water bodies

Strategies to accomplish these goals included:

- Identify farms in New Durham to include tree farms, orchards and misc.
- Encourage acquisition of timberland
- Maintain the John Shirley Forrest and implement forest management practices
- Stormwater Management best practices
- Educate public on ways of protecting water quality
- Ensure existing rules and regulations are enforced
- Encourage individual conservation easements
- Ensure the benefit of one tactic does not jeopardize other strategies

Thank you to all attendees for your valuable feedback on this important section of the Master Plan.

- *The Master Plan – Housing and Land Use Public Forum will be held, mid-September at the Community Room.*