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MINUTES NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION 26 March 2024

Present: Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair) and alternate members Bob Craycraft and William Malay. Mark Sullivan, Victor Piekarski, and Heather Freeman attended by Zoom.

Mr. Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Malay as voting members.

Public attendance: Mike Gelinas

Public Input

Mike Gelinas provided information regarding the condition of snowmobile trails with wetlands and obtaining permits for necessary work. Requesting a letter of support from the Commissioner relating to the impact of the work and the permitting process. Work is described as adding six inch rubble to wet areas without culverts. Goal is to provide a solid base for the trail itself without impeding water flow. Unknown what provoked the flag on the datacheck from the state to the location. Consensus of the Commissioner members of support for the concept of the hardening of the trail in the area in question and noting that once the datacheck information is provided the position can be updated.

Review of Minutes

Motion to approve November 28, 2023 Minutes as amended made by Mr. Malay, seconded by Mr. Craycraft; **approved by Mr. Craycraft, Ms. Freeman, and Mr. Gehl; Mr. Malay, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Piekarski.**

New Business

None.

Review of Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications

Request for Shoreland Permit, Federico (Varney Engineering), 342 S. Shore Rd, Map 113, Lot 052. Request to install leach bed on vacant lot, which is separate from the application for the building lot for the house. Note that leach field is actually on Lot 059, not Lot 052.

After the Fact Permit, Lopiano (Varney Engineering), South Shore Rd, Map 113, Lot 026. Previously reviewed in November 2023.

Wetlands Permit Application, Knibbs (Norway Plains), Birch Hill Road, Map 239, Lot 001. Proposal to construct driveway and residential building with crossing over wetlands

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involving two 24-in culverts, one across each wetland area. Review of plans indicates substantial wetlands complex on a considerable portion of the parcel close to Birch Hill Road, consisting of two forested wetland areas crossing the entire width of the property. It appears that crossing of wetland areas is necessary to build on property. **Motion to let the application be processed without comment from the Commission by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Malay. Approved by Mr. Gehl, Mr. Craycraft, Mr. Malay, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Piekarski, and Ms. Freeman.**

Wetlands Permit Application, Myers (Varney Engineering), 235 North Shore Rd, Map 101, Lot 019. Rebuild a retaining wall across the width of the property along the shoreline by replacing mortared stone wall with segmental concrete block. **Motion to let the application be processed without comment from the Commission by Mr. Malay, seconded by Mr. Craycraft. Approved by Mr. Gehl, Mr. Craycraft, Mr. Malay, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Piekarski, and Ms. Freeman.**

Wetlands Permit Application, Mottl (Varney Engineering), 370 South Shore Road, Map 114, Lots 020 & 021. Rebuild a retaining wall across the width of the property along the shoreline by replacing mortared stone wall with segmental concrete block. **Motion to let the application be processed without comment from the Commission by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Malay. Approved by Mr. Gehl, Mr. Craycraft, Mr. Malay, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Piekarski, and Ms. Freeman.**

Review of Mail

Review of Wetlands Permit Application LoPiano, 309 South Shore Road, Map 115, Lot 026

Review of approved After-the-Fact Dredge & Fill Application LoPiano, 309 South Shore Road, Map 115, Lot 026

Review of Letter of Compliance LoPiano, 309 South Shore Road, Map 115, Lot 026

Review of Shoreland Impact Permit Opolski, 181 North Shore Road, Map 101, Lot 039 & 8

Review of Complete Seasonal Dock Notification Zlotosch, Pine Point Rd, Map 103, Lot 009

Review of Shoreland Permit Application Brault-DeMarino, North Shore Road, Map 108, Lot 022

Review of Shoreland Permit Application Boop-Leigh, Owls Head Point, Map 108, Lot 048/001

Review of Supplemental Information Shoreland Permit Application Federico, 342 South Shore Road, Map 113, Lot 059

Review of Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application Knibbs, Birch Hill Rd, Map

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239, Lot 001

Review of Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application Meyers, 235 North Shore Rd, Map 101, Lot 019

Notices of Decision:

ZBA 11-14-2023 Notice of Decision, Owls Head Pt, Map 108, Lot 048/001
(Boop-Leigh)

ZBA 12-12-2023 Notice of Decision, Valley Road, Map 257, Lots 001 (Dean)

PB 12-05-2023 Concept. Consult. - Donovan, Pine Point Rd, Map 102, Lots 014 & 015

PB 12-05-2023 Concept. Consult. – Bourgeois, Valley Road, Map 257, Lot 054

PB 02-05-2024 Concept. Consult. – Mone-Foster, 358 Old Bay Road, Map 255, Lot 003

ZBA 02-13-2024 Notice of Decision, Gilmore, Merrymeeting Road, Map 110, Lot 008

PB 03-05-2024 Notice of Decision, Dean, 124 Valley Road, Map 257, Lot 001

PB 03-05-2024 Concept. Consult. – Barrett-Pike, 36 Berry Road, Map 251, Lot 011

Forest Society request for annual membership

Forest Society monitoring report on Woodward Property

Other Business

Mr. Gehl will follow up with DES regarding the **after-the-fact application LoPiano, 309 S. South Shore Rd, Tax Map 113/Lot 26** to address the documented violations including replenishment of sand, dock installation, and tree pruning.

At 8:04 PM Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Malay seconded the motion. Approved by Mr. Gehl, Mr. Craycraft, Mr. Malay, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Piekarski, and Ms. Freeman.

Respectfully submitted,