MINUTES NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION 30 May 2023

Present: Commission members Ron Gehl (Chair), Curtis Richard (Vice Chair), Mark Sullivan, Heather Freeman, and alternate members Bill Malay and Bob Craycraft.

Mr. Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and appointed Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Malay as voting members.

Zoom participation was unavailable at start of meeting.

Public attendance: Veronica Bodge, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG)

Public Input

None.

New Business

Discussion with Veronica Bodge, Land Agent for Moose Mountains Regional Greenways. Ms. Bodge has been Land Agent for MMRG for approximately 1 year and discussed MMRG's current project and stewardship efforts, public events, workshops etc. She offered any assistance she could provide with local conservation efforts and invited members to participate in the many WWRG events being planned. She noted that a Conservation 101 workshop for interested landowners will be hosted in New Durham on October 25 at 5:00 PM. Commission members thanked her for attending.

Review of Minutes

Motion to approve April 25, 2023 minutes made by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Sullivan; approved unanimously with abstentions by Mr. Richard and Mr. Malay.

Review of Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications

Standard Dredge and Fill Application, John Benecchi, 373 Merrymeeting Rd., Tax Map 110/Lot 28. Consideration of modification from sloped beach to perched beach. **Motion to forward the application to DES without comment made by Mr. Sullivan**, seconded by Mr. Craycraft; approved unanimously.

Wetlands Permit by Notification Application, Lauren Danaher, 318 South Shore Rd., Tax Map 113/Lot 33-34. Application for anchoring pad permanently installed in the bank. Motion for the Chair to sign the application on behalf of the Commission and forward to DES made by Mr. Craycraft, seconded by Mr. Sullivan; approved unanimously. Wetlands Permit by Notification Application, Sean Kelley, 59 North Shore Rd, Tax Map 109/Lot 4. Application for beach replenishment of existing beach. Motion for the Chair to sign the application on behalf of the Commission and forward to DES made by Mr. Malay, seconded by Mr. Richard; approved unanimously.

Shoreland Permit Application, Mario and Carolyn Ranieri, 389A Merrymeeting Rd., Tax Map 109/Lot 4. Application for teardown and reconstruction of new garage per DES site; however, Commission does not have copy of application. Review of letter from abutters' attorney relating to relocation of the right of way. **Correspondence reviewed and noted; not within jurisdiction of Commission and pending with DES.**

Review of Mail

Correspondence from NH Preservation Alliance and SELT (regarding membership donation, already in budget).

Other Business

At 8:00 PM Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malay seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Freeman