

DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting (Draft)

September 9, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

Members Present: Dwight Baldwin (Chair), Duane Hyde, Peter Smith, Kevin Webb, George Thomas, Jim Hellen, Beryl Harper

Excused Absence: Bill Skinner, Lee Alexander

1. New Business/Presentations

- a. Public Comments - none
- b. Lenny Lord – Wetland mitigation sites, NH Estuaries Project
Lenny Lord mentioned 2 trips on the Gulf Challenger on Sept. 18 and 25. He gave a copy of the Freshwater Wetland Mitigation Inventory for Durham to the Commission. His presentation on the Estuaries Project showed 13 sites picked for Durham, of which 7 were field checked; he discussed the selection, inventory, grants, and future use of the recommendations.
- c. Deborah Couch - Site Plan Application by Omnipoint Holdings, Inc for cell tower on Simon's Lane – no communication

2. Minutes of August 12, 2004 - Accepted with 1 minor change.

3. Ongoing Business

- a. Wetlands applications - none
- b. Mill Pond Update
 - Wetland permit application – A review team was proposed to examine the draft and report at our November meeting: Dwight Baldwin, Lee Alexander, and Bill Skinner.
 - Shoreline maintenance – A work crew is doing maintenance.
 - NH Fish and Game – no new action
 - Spoil disposal – The Town is writing a letter to UNH requesting acceptance of dredged spoil for field improvement.
- c. Land Protection Working Group – Duane Hyde stated they are currently working with four landowners. The Conservation Fund pays for the appraisals, and is funded through the current use change tax. As of now, nothing has been funded from the Bond Fund.
- d. Town Land-Use/Trails Subcommittee – Jim Hellen reported the subcommittee met, established a priority list, is getting more information on many sites, and is field checking others.
- e. Durham day at Wagon Hill Farm – Details were discussed for a joint table with the Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Land Protection Working Group on Sunday, Sept. 12.

4. **Board and Committee Reports**

- a. Town Council - Peter Smith reported that the camping ordinance passed. There are 5 boats set up for rides on the Oyster River at Durham Day.
- b. Planning Board – Kevin Webb stated that there are no new active applications. It looks like Omnipoint is exploring other options for a site in Newmarket. Spruce Woods will be applying for a final phase soon. The Durham Rowing Club is requesting a variance for a temporary storage structure adjacent to the present building at Jackson Landing. Kevin gave a brief update on the Aquifer Overlay District ordinance. The Planning Board is seeking residents to serve as alternates.
- c. Lamprey and Oyster River Watershed Associations – no report

5. **Other Business**

- a. Wetland Conservation Overlay District, Durham Revised Draft – The Chair has read the draft, had several comments, and has discussed these with Jim Campbell.
- b. Mary Ellen Wilson parcel, Map and Lot 9-6-3 (see handout) – no action on the proposed donation of the small parcel.
- c. Replacement for Rich Hallett – Chair will recommend that an alternate fill Rich Hallett's position and a new candidate join the Commission as an alternate.
- d. Additional business - none

6. **Administrative**

- a. Correspondence – none
- b. Next meeting – October 14, 2004. Duane Hyde will be substitute Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Beryl Harper