

## TOWN OF DURHAM

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This meeting will be conducted in Council Chambers.

The public is welcome to attend in Council Chambers or via Zoom remotely.

Please see sections on Public Input, Zoom Instructions, and Other Information at the end of this agenda.

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

January 24, 2022 7:00 PM **AGENDA**  Commission Members
Jake Kritzer, Chair
John Nachilly, Vice Chair
James Bubar, Planning
Board Rep.
Coleen Fuerst
Walter Rous
Carden Welsh, Town
Council Rep.
Erin Hardie Hale, alternate
Roanne Robbins, alternate

Michael Behrendt, Town
Planner
Tom Brightman, Land
Stewardship Coordinator
Lucie Bryar, Minute Taker

- I. Call to Order
- II. Land Acknowledgment Statement
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Review of Minutes: December 21, 2021 Estimated to finish by 7:15 pm\*
- VII. <u>10 Cedar Point Road Dock Replacement</u>. Providing comments to NHDES about an application under Wetlands Permit-by-Notification for a dock replacement. Half acre lot situated on Little Bay. Bruce and Ellen Bates, property owner. Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering, designer. Map 12, Lot 2-13. <u>7:30 pm</u>
- VIII. *Public Hearing* <u>Proposed contribution toward acquisition of Pike Property</u>. Proposed contribution of \$35,000 from the Durham Conservation Fund toward the acquisition of the Pike Property. The 37.4 acre lot would be owned by the Town and placed into conservation with an easement held by the Southeast Land Trust (SELT). Grants secured by SELT would pay the remainder of the purchase price. The parcel is located on Wednesday Hill Road just east of Thompson Forest. Map 14, Lot 10-2. <u>8:00 pm</u>
- IX. <u>Land Stewardship</u>. Tom Brightman, Land Stewardship Coordinator. <u>8:10 pm</u>
  - A. Update on presentation by Doug Tallamy commission meeting on February 28.
  - B. Update on the Doe Farm visitor survey
- X. <u>Mill Plaza Wetland Buffer</u>. Revisiting the earlier recommendation from the Conservation Commission about the wetland buffer under the Wetland Conservation Overlay District for Mill Plaza. Colonial Durham Associates, property owner. 7 Mill Road. Map 5, Lot 1-1 <u>9:10 pm</u>
- XI. <u>Mill Pond Dam</u>. Revisiting the earlier recommendation from the Conservation Commission about the Mill Pond dam. *9:25 pm*

\*Note that times listed after each agenda item are estimates for when the item may be finished but the commission will take more or less time as needed.

- XII. Other Business
- XIII. Roundtable. Updates from Conservation Commission members.
- XIV. Adjournment (by 9:30 unless extended by the commission)

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### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Members of the public may provide input on any matter before the commission in one of two ways:

- 1) <u>Email</u>. Send an email to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at <u>mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us</u> by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting (You can also mail or fax a letter);
- 2) <u>Speak at the meeting</u>. The public is welcome to speak about any specific agenda item when that item comes up on the agenda and about any other appropriate subject during Public Comments time. You can attend in person or participate via Zoom (See instructions below).

### **ZOOM – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ZOOM VIDEO CALL-IN AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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### To Participate by Video

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- 2. Your video will be turned off and audio muted until the Public portion of the meeting opens.
- 3. If watching on Channel 22 or DCAT LiveStream be sure your computer/TV audio is muted when using Zoom.

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### **OTHER INFORMATION**

<u>Additional information</u>. Information on the items above are available for review on the Town website at www.ci.durham.nh.us.

<u>Contacting us</u>. Please contact Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner, with questions or comments at (603) 868-8064 or <a href="mailto:mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us">mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us</a>.

<u>Communication aids</u>. Please provide the Town 48-hours notice if special communication aids are needed.

Next meeting. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Monday, February 21, 2022.