



TOWN OF DURHAM

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or via Zoom remotely. Please see
other information at the end of this agenda.*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 24, 2022

Town Council Chambers - 8 Newmarket Road

7:00 PM

AGENDA

Commission Members

Jake Kritzer, *Chair*
John Nachilly, *Vice Chair*
James Bubar, Planning
Board Rep.

Erin Hardie Hale
Roanne Robbins
Neil Slepian
Carden Welsh, Town
Council Rep.

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. **Land Stewardship.** *Estimated 7:10 to 7:25 pm**
- VII. **Seacoast Students 4 Sustainability.** Discussion with Oyster River High School students about ideas for sustainability projects. Their website reads, "Seacoast Students 4 Sustainability is a youth-led group advocating and fostering environmental progress within Seacoast communities. Our organization supports green initiatives and works to inspire legislation that protects and rejuvenates local ecosystems." *~7:25 pm to 8:00 pm*
- VIII. **Subdivision off Gerrish Drive.** Review of the proposed subdivision has included debate about whether the proposed access to the site via Gerrish Drive or a possible alternative access via Bagdad Road would have lower environmental impact. Although a Bagdad Road access would not avoid the Wetland Conservation Overlay District, and is therefore not being considered, the Conservation Commission will discuss the environmental character of the area through which a Bagdad Road access would be located. The objective is to more fully understand the natural resources of the site as a whole. *~8:00 pm to 9:00 pm*
- IX. Review of Minutes: September 19, 2022
- X. Other Business
- XI. Roundtable. Updates from Conservation Commission members.
- XII. Adjournment (*by 9:30 unless extended by the commission*)

**Note that the times listed after each item above are rough estimates only.*

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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) Email. Send an email to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting (You can also mail, drop off, or fax a letter); or
- 2) Speak at the meeting. 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).

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OTHER INFORMATION

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

Contacting us. Please contact Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner, with questions or comments at (603) 868-8064 or mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us.

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

Next meeting. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be **Monday, November 28**.