



TOWN OF DURHAM

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*The public is welcome to attend
in Council Chambers or via Zoom remotely.
Please see other information at the end of this agenda.*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 24, 2023

Town Council Chambers - 8 Newmarket Road

7:00 PM

AGENDA

Commission Members

Jake Kritzer, *Chair*
John Nachilly, *Vice Chair*
Erin Hardie Hale
Richard Kelley, Planning
Board Rep.
Roanne Robbins
Neil Slepian
Carden Welsh, Town
Council Rep.
Nick Lanzer, alternate
Dwight Trueblood, alternate

Michael Behrendt, Town
Planner
Sara Callaghan, Land
Stewardship Coordinator
Lucie Bryar, Minute Taker

- I. Call to Order
- II. Land Acknowledgment Statement
- III. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Public Comments
- VI. **Land Stewardship Update.** Sara Callaghan, Land Stewardship Coordinator. 7:10 to 7:25 pm
- VII. **Election of Vice Chair.** Election of Vice Chair for a 12 month term. 7:25 to 7:30 pm
- VIII. **Pike Property.** Discussion about Town's recent acquisition of the Pike Property. 36-acre conservation property on Packer's Fall Road adjacent to Thompson Forest. Map 223, Lot 40-1. 7:30 to 7:50 pm
- IX. **Horsehide Brook.** Discussion about suggestion to place public-use binoculars along Durham Point Road to provide views toward the brook and wetlands. Horsehide Brook is located to the east of the Pinecrest Lane/Denbow Road subdivision. It runs north to the Oyster River. 7:50 to 8:10 pm
- X. **Forest Health.** Presentation by Nick Lanzer, Professional Forester and member of the Conservation Commission, about issues of forest health. 8:10 to 9:00 pm
- XI. **Town Council Goals.** Discussion about connecting the work of the Conservation Commission with the Town Council Goals for 2023-2024. 9:00 to 9:20 pm
- XII. Review of Minutes: May 22, 2023. 9:20 to 9:25 pm
- XIII. Other Business:
- XIV. Roundtable. Updates from Conservation Commission members.
- XV. 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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Everybody will need to register in order to participate via Zoom. Project applicants should present in person or via video (and make sure that they are visible).

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https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_dcatgovernance/zoom-video-meeting-schedule

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These are LIVE Public meetings and we ask that your audio and video be muted. If not, the host will mute them for you. You will not be able to communicate directly with anyone in the Zoom meeting at this time. Participants will have the opportunity to comment during Public Comments, or when the specific item comes up on the agenda. Please mute your audio and video after you've commented, if not, the host will mute them for you. If you wish to submit comments in advance, please email by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

If you should have difficulty, please send DCAT an email: dcat@ci.durham.nh.us or by calling **603-590-1383**.

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, August 28, 2023.**