



TOWN OF DURHAM

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 23, 2025

Council Chambers – Durham Town Hall
8 Newmarket Road, Durham, NH

7:00 PM

AGENDA

- 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.** 7:10 to 7:20 pm*
- VII. **46 Oyster River Road – Gravel Area.** Permitted Use B application to extend and raise the grade of an existing gravel area behind the house in the Shoreland Protection Overlay District. Bruce and Nancy Walker, property owner. Phil Belmont, agent and contractor. Map 113, Lot 18. Residence A District. 7:20 to 7:50 pm
- VIII. **Public Hearing – Conservation of Gsottschneider Property.** Proposed contribution of \$50,000 from the Town's Conservation Fund toward the acquisition of land in fee simple for a 29 +/- acre vacant parcel owned by the Gsottschneider Family Trust. The Nature Conservancy is coordinating with The Southeast Land Trust on the acquisition to protect this forested lot in the Lubberland and Commet Creek area. Presented by Lori Sommer, Coastal Watershed Land Conservation Manager, and John Plummer, Land Protection Specialist, The Nature Conservancy. Map 227, Lot 36. 7:50 to 8:30 pm
- IX. **Annual Meeting.** Discussion of the past twelve months and the coming year (postponed from the prior meeting). 8:30 to 8:50 pm
- X. **Discussion about preparing articles for Friday Updates on Conservation Issues.** 8:50 to 9:10 pm
- XI. Review of Minutes: May 27, 2025 9:10 to 9:15 pm
- XII. Other Business 9:15 to 9:20 pm
- XIII. Roundtable. Updates from Conservation Commission members. 9:20 to 9:30 pm
- XIV. Adjournment (*by 9:30 unless extended by the commission*)

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

Commission Members

Dwight Trueblood, *Chair*
Neil Slepian, *Vice Chair*
Jacob Cragg
Darrell Ford, Town Council
Representative
Richard Kelley, Planning
Board Representative
Nick Lanzer
Anne Lightbody
Neil Slepian
John Nachilly, alternate
Steve Moyer, alternate
Ben Phelps, alternate

Michael Behrendt, Town
Planner
Véronique Ludington, Land
Stewardship Coordinator
Lucie Bryar, Minutes Taker

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PUBLIC INPUT

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- 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.

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.

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Next meeting. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be **July 28, 2025**.