



TOWN OF DURHAM

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 22, 2025

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

7:00 PM

AGENDA

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

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Land Acknowledgment Statement
- III. Roll Call, Explanation for those participating on Zoom, Vote to allow participation on Zoom, and Seating of Alternates
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Public Comments
- VI. **Land Stewardship Update.** *7:10 to 7:20 pm**
- VII. **Limited brush and tree cutting in WCOD and SPOD buffer on Old Landing Road.** 9 and 14 Old Landing Road. Request from Gary Hochgraf to remove vegetation in limited areas to enhance the view toward the Oyster River. Consideration as a Permitted Use B application or as allowance per the Performance Standards for buffers and woodlands under sections 175-65. A. and 175-76. A. Subject lot – 14 Old Landing Road, Map 108, Lot 52, Kate Schulten and Holly Neiween, owners. Affected lot - view from 9 Old Landing Road, Map 108, Lot 59, Fred Hochgraf Trust, owner. *7:20 to 7:40 pm*
- VIII. **Request for comment on NHDES application for 1 Riverview Court.** Site walk to help determine whether the Conservation Commission wishes to submit comments on an application to NHDES for a dredge and fill permit to develop this vacant lot. Request from Jim McKiernan, abutter at 2 Riverview Court, for the commission to investigate the application and submit comments. RSA 482-A:11 III(a) provides for the commission to offer comments within 14 days of when an application is received by the Town Clerk. That timeframe has passed but the commission will consider whether it wishes to submit comments now which NHDES would consider at its sole option. The lot is located within the Durham Shoreland Protection Overlay District (and possibly the Wetland Conservation Overlay District). No application for development has been filed with the Town of Durham at the time this agenda was prepared. **Note:** The commission is looking at the site at the request of the abutter, not the property owner. The property owner and a prospective buyer are being notified of the site walk. The commission will not walk onto the property unless the owner or their agent provides permission to do so. The commission plans to include this item on its agenda for December 22 for further discussion. Map 214, Lot 13. Owned by Matching Donors.com. Residence Coastal District. *7:40 to 8:30 pm*

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

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- IX. **IWMAC Quarterly Sustainability Newsletter**. Discussion about proposed newsletter addressing sustainability issues and highlighting the work of various Town boards and commissions. Request for consideration from Julie Kelley, member of Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWAC). 8:30 to 8:45 pm
- X. **Wetland and Shoreland Overlay District**. Update on discussions by subcommittees. 8:45 to 9:05 pm
- XI. **2026 Conservation Commission Schedule** 9:05 to 9:10 pm
- XII. Review of Minutes: November 24; December 12 site walks; and revote on October 27, 2025 minutes to consider making additional changes and corrections. 9:10 to 9:15 pm
- XIII. Other Business 9:15 to 9:20 pm
- XIV. Roundtable. Updates from Conservation Commission members. 9:20 to 9:30 pm
- XV. Adjournment (*by 9:30 unless extended by the commission*)

***ZOOM ACCESS**

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PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the public may provide input on any matter before the commission:

- 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) **Speaking 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.

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

Next meeting. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be **January 26, 2025**.