



TOWN OF DURHAM

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 27, 2026 – 7:00 pm

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

AGENDA

- 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.** Monthly update. Veronique, Ludington, Land Stewardship Coordinator. 7:10 to 7:20 pm
- VII. **15 Foss Farm Road – Conditional Use.** Conditional Use Application for driveway, drainage structures, steps and associated grading within the 75-foot wetland buffer for a new single-family residence. The owner is also applying to the ZBA for a Special Exception to build the house and septic facilities within the wetland buffer (in the Wetland Conservation Overlay District). Qing Lin, owner. Bob Baskerville, Bedford Design, engineer. Map 113, Lot 102. Residence B District. 7:20 to 7:55 pm.
- VIII. **561 Bay Road - Permitted Use B.** Permitted Use B application for replacement of retaining walls, steps, and regrading within the Wetland Conservation Overlay District for a single- family house. A Permitted Use B approval was granted in 2023 for a different design. A variance was granted to allow grading as a Permitted Use B. David and Karen Della Penta, property owner. Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering, engineer. Kevin Baum, attorney. Map 239, Lot 9. Residence Coastal District. 7:55 to 8:35 pm
- IX. **Insect-Friendly Lightbulbs.** Request from group of residents for help in purchasing and promoting use of yellow light bulbs to replace white light bulbs which have an adverse impact on insects. 8:35 to 8:50 pm
- X. **Conservation Commission 2027 Budget.** 8:50 to 9:00 pm
- XI. Other Business 9:00 to 9:10 pm
- XII. Review of Minutes: May 19, 2026 and June 22, 2026 9:10 to 9:15 pm
- XIII. Roundtable. Updates from Conservation Commission members. 9:15 to 9:30 pm
- XIV. Adjournment (by 9:30 unless extended by the commission)

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

Michael Behrendt, Town
Planner
Véronique Ludington, Land
Stewardship Coordinator
Lucie Bryar, Minutes Taker
Karen Edwards, Admin. Asst.

**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.

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 **August 24, 2026**.