

**Town of Northwood  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
July 5, 2016**

1 Chairman Steve Roy calls the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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3 **Present:** Chairman Steve Roy, Vice Chair Shelley Frost, Steven Hampl, Grace  
4 Levergood, Board Administrator Linda Smith, Land Use Secretary Susan  
5 Jastremski-Pastor.

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7 **Absent:** Tom Chase, Wini Young, James Ryan and Loren O'Neil

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9 **MINUTES**

10 **June 7, 2016**

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12 *Ms. Levergood makes a change on page 4 line 10. Replace "through with*  
13 *thorough"*

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15 *Ms. Frost makes a change on page 2 line 3, remove the extra period.*

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17 **Chairman Roy Makes a motion to accept the minute as amended. Ms.**  
18 **Frost seconds. Vote 4/0**

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20 **APPOINTMENTS**

21 Ann Scholz, Pleasant Lake Preservation Association. Update on the Watershed  
22 Restoration Plan. Ann Sholtz and John Duffy from the Pleasant Lake  
23 Preservation Association are present.

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25 Ms. Scholz and Mr. Duffy present to the commission the update on the  
26 Pleasant Lake Restoration project.

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28 The Pleasant Lake Shoreline Survey was conducted on August 26, 2015 by FB  
29 Environmental Associates technical staff and local watershed association  
30 volunteers. FBE staff and volunteers documented the condition of the shoreline  
31 for each parcel using a scoring system that evaluates vegetated buffer,  
32 presence of bare soil, extent of shoreline erosion, distance of structures to the  
33 lake, and slope. These scores were summed to generate an overall "Shoreline  
34 Disturbance Score" for each parcel, with high scores indicating poor shoreline  
35 conditions.

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37 A total of 180 parcels were evaluated; 104 parcels were in the Town of Deerfield  
38 and 76 were in the Town of Northwood. When averaged, parcels scored  
39 relatively low across the 5 different metrics; however, the average Shoreline  
40 Disturbance Score for the entire lake was 10.4 About 73% of the shoreline  
41 scored 10 or greater. A disturbance score of 10 or above indicates shoreline  
42 conditions that may be detrimental to lake water quality. These shoreline  
43 properties tend to have inadequate buffers, evidence of bare soil, and  
44 structures within 75 ft. of the shoreline.

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1 The information obtained from this survey will be used to plan next steps for  
2 improving the shoreline of Pleasant Lake and further inform the watershed  
3 loading model. The survey map and database highlight areas that are possibly  
4 contributing to nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, and the shoreline disturbance  
5 scores should be used to prioritize areas of the shoreline for remediation.  
6 Recommendations largely stem from lack of buffer. Encouraging landowners to  
7 plant and/or maintain vegetated buffers as a best management practice (BMP)  
8 along their shoreline, particularly in areas of bare soil, will help mitigate  
9 erosion and reduce sediment and nutrient loading to the lake.

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11 Ms. Scholz also lets the committee know that the The Pleasant Lake  
12 Preservation Association Annual Meeting is on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9AM at  
13 Deerfield Town Hall.

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15 **CONSIDERATION of APPLICATIONS:**

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17 **The Robert E. Alexander 1999 Trust & The Kathryn L. Strauch 1999**  
18 **Trust. Bow Lake Road. Shoreland Permit Application. (for review only)**

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20 Applicant wishes to demolish a non conforming structure and build a more  
21 conforming structure on a smaller footprint and further from the shoreline. The  
22 new structure would be further from shore. Chairman Roy notes that a  
23 sewage disposal system application has been submitted, but he doesn't see a  
24 storm water management plan. The commission agrees that they would like to  
25 receive a copy of the storm water management plan. Chairman Roy would like  
26 a memo sent to DES asking for that information.

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28 ***October Dam Presentation- Grace Levergood***

29 Chairman Roy states that contact information is available for Bow Lake,  
30 Northwood Lake and Pleasant Lake. Mr. Chase has information on the Jenness  
31 Pond Association. An email list will be compiled at the next meeting.

32 ***Bennett Island Site Visit***

33 Mr. Roy states that Bear Paw sent out a Doodle poll via email for the Bennett  
34 Island site visit. The date is set for July 17 at 3pm. Ms. Smith will email a  
35 reminder and post as a public meeting.

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37 ***The next meeting date is August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM.***

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1 **PUBLIC INPUT**

2 No public Present

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4 **ADJOURNMENT**

5 **Ms. Frost makes a motion, second by Mr. Hampl, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.**

6 **Motion passes unanimously; 4/0**

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8 **Respectfully submitted,**

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10 **Susan Jastremski-Pastor, Land Use Secretary**

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