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Conservation Commission Minutes **February 23, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes
Members present: Bill Moeller, Juan Amodei and Alan Chaney
Member absent: Marilyn Pike, Jeff Haight and Judy Larter
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, lower level

Meeting Minutes

Juan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, with corrections, from the January 12th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills

The Secretary informed the Commission that the Chair had signed off on a MACC conference for Alan Chaney (\$95) and the Voss sign invoice (\$177.50) since the last meeting.

The Pictometry invoice for the fall flyover was received. The Commission had approved the expenditure at their June 23, 2008 meeting. The Selectmen voted at their July 14, 2008 meeting to allow the Commission to expend up to \$5,450 for the project. The Commission voted to sign the invoice. The Secretary will get the signatures of other departments that had pledged funds for this project.

Ice Cream Stand – Pleasant Street

The Secretary mentioned that Wes Goss had called to update the Commission regarding his project on Pleasant Street. Mr. Goss had come before the Commission last April to explain his plans for an ice cream stand on his property. The Commission agreed that they did not have any jurisdiction over the project as his plans showed that he was outside the 100 foot buffer zone. Mr. Goss had stopped by the office requesting a signature on his building permit. Leah gave the Secretary permission to sign it off on February 11th. The Commission did not have any further questions or comments at this time.

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project

Leah had received an e-mail from a graduate student at Tufts University regarding a farmland matching service. They are looking for parcels of farmland for lease or sale. The Commission discussed that Amos Kendall and Flat Rock Hill may be good areas for farming. The Commission asked the Secretary if she would check the Self-Help grant “Land and Use Management Plan” to see if community gardens are allowed.



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Gary Gouldrup

Alan talked to Gary Gouldrup regarding cutting timber on the Farnsworth property. They decided that because of the market, this would not be a good time to timber that property.

Alan also mentioned that now may be a good time to have Gary Gouldrup permanently mark the boundaries of Conservation properties. Alan will get a price from Gary and then present it to the Commission for approval.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 9th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Conservation Commission