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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **April 13, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Alan Chaney  
Members present: Juan Amodei, Marilyn Pike, Jeff Haight, Judy Larter and Leah Basbanes  
(7:35pm)  
Member absent: Bill Moeller  
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, lower level

### **Meeting Minutes**

Juan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the March 23rd meeting.  
Marilyn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed.

### **Bills**

Marilyn made a motion to sign the bill for \$60.55 (materials for signs). Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. –  
Motion passed.

### **Dan Locapo – Lower Dam Way – Removal of Trees**

This is the first meeting that the Commission has had since their site visit to 47 Lower Dam Way on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Locapo said that there are 10-12 good size pine trees that need to be taken down due to damage from the December ice storm. He went on to say that the trees have been severely compromised and falling limbs could cause a personal safety issue as well as potential damage to his home. A few members of the Commission had gone out to the site on the 28th. Leah has some concerns with the removal of all of the trees. She felt that more members of the Commission needed to view the area. Although Mr. Locapo is willing to replace some of the trees, removing 10-12 of them could change the stability of the area. Mr. Locapo told members that an arborist came out to the property and is faxing his report over to him. The trees will be removed with a crane to limit damage to the area. The Commission asked Mr. Locapo if they could come out to the site to do a more thorough evaluation of the trees. Mr. Locapo agreed and a date of Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am was set up. Alan then made a motion that, with a quorum and a posted notice of the date and time of the site visit, a decision can be made at the site regarding the removal of the trees. Judy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed.

### **473 High Street Property – Materials in the Wetlands**

The Commission discussed that the materials that have been placed in a wetland area at 473 High Street have not been removed. A letter, dated March 16<sup>th</sup>, was sent to the resident asking him to comply with the Wetlands Protection Act by immediately removing the materials from the stream. The Commission asked the Secretary to send a certified letter to the homeowner requesting their presence at our next meeting on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The homeowner



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will be asked to come prepared with a plan of the wetlands and a restoration plan for the area. Failure to attend the meeting and remove the materials will result in daily fines.

### **Self-Help Grant**

The Carter land on Hardy Street is for sale and the Commission discussed the possibility of purchasing the property with Self-Help and CPA funds. Buying the property would give additional protection to the northeast corner of the town. Properties that abut this parcel are the Gage Town Forest and Dunstable Rural Land Trust land. There are currently 12 acres with the parcel. The owners would like to keep 2 acres with the existing house and sell the remaining 10 acres. The Commission decided that they would go view the site after Saturday's site visit to Lower Dam Way.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary – Conservation Commission