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Conservation Commission Minutes **May 27, 2009**

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

Meeting Minutes

Alan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the April 27th meeting.
Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with Judy and Leah abstaining from the vote.

Bills

None

Order of Conditions Extension – Kenneth Cail – Kemp Street

The Conservation Commission received a letter from Norse Environmental requesting an extension on a 2006 Order of Conditions for the Cail property on Kemp Street. The applicant requested the extension due to the poor economy. Alan made a motion to extend the permit for 3 years. Judy 2nd the motion. It was then discussed that the owner of the property must maintain the erosion control until the project is complete and a Certificate of Compliance is issued. The Commission also mentioned that the owner may want to spread some grass seed to stabilize the area since it has been cleared. – Motion passed to extend the OOC.

Massapoag - Rod and Gun Club – Tyngsboro

Brian Sargent of the Tyngsboro Rod and Gun Club, along with members of the homeowner's association from Massapoag, came to the meeting to discuss the weed problem in the pond. They are purchasing a weed harvester from the Town of Groton and the group is looking for permission to temporarily store the weeds (to dry out) on Conservation property. The 2nd issue the Club has is with the dam structure. A recent inspection showed that it could potentially become a hazard. There are some trees that need to be removed from the berm. The Club is looking for permission from the Commission to remove the trees which consist of approximately three (3) large pine trees that are embedded in the berm. The trees would be cut down and the stumps painted. The Commission decided that they needed to conduct a visit to the site which was set up for Saturday, May 30th at 9:00am. Members will meet at the Town Hall and drive to the site.

Raymond Jones Letter

The Secretary reported that she had sent Mr. Jones a letter reminding him to seed his property.



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Melancon – High Street

The Commission requested that Ms. Melancon relocate the material from the wetland area on her property by the end of May. This will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

Green Communities Program

Juan passed the grant program information on to Bill Moeller to review.

Graffiti Remover

The Secretary researched environmental friendly graffiti removers. There didn't seem to be any that could be purchased in large quantities that didn't need a hook up to a water source. The Commission thought that painting the rocks with gray paint may be an option.

Town Hall Postage

The Secretary had researched the idea of a postage meter, but found that the Town Hall had previously looked into that option and found it was not feasible.

Board of Appeals – Hearings

The Commission had received a letter regarding two hearings on properties that abut land owned by the Conservation Commission.

213-215 Pleasant Street

The owner of the property requested that the Conservation Commission come to the site to conduct a site visit due to a complaint made to the Selectmen. The Commission asked the Secretary to let the owner know that they would be out on Saturday, May 30th at about 10:00am.

Self-Help Grant

The Commission discussed the survey and appraisal for the Hardy Street property. It is estimated that the cost for both would be approximately \$7,210. \$5,000 of that cost is to be donated; therefore, the Commission would need to come up with the balance of \$2,210. There is \$435 in the Land Fund and \$1,184 from the Christmas tree sale that can be used. Bill made a motion that the contract for Avery Associates (appraisal) be signed and the Commission use the balance of the Land Fund and Christmas tree funds to put towards the cost. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed. Members are looking at late July or early August as a Special Town Meeting date.

Adam Frye – Pleasant Street

Adam had contacted Alan Chaney regarding a greenhouse that he wants to build on Pleasant Street near some wetlands. The Commission may go out to the site on Saturday and will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.



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Blanchard Hill

Alan reported that Kevin Smith estimated that it would cost approximately \$4,500 to finish the top of Blanchard Hill. Alan believes that there is roughly \$2,500 remaining from the Stone Arch Bridge project as well as about \$500 from the Blanchard Hill project. The Secretary will see if she can get the actual numbers from the Town Accountant.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, June 15th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Conservation Commission