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Conservation Commission Minutes **June 8, 2009**

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

Diane Dalida

Ms. Dalida came to the meeting to inform the Conservation Commission that there is evidence of dirt bikes using Conservation property. She said that they seem to be coming in through the power lines and possibly driving over the Boy Scout foot bridge. Ms. Dalida said that she and others are concerned about coming across them when they ride horseback. Alan said that the Commission will post “no motorized vehicles” signs on the property. The Commission also suggested that in the future, she call the Police if she hears them on Conservation property. The Secretary will also put a reminder in the Neighbor to Neighbor.

Meeting Minutes

Judy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, with correction, from the May 27th meeting. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills

Nashua N.H. property tax bill – This bill is a fiscal year 2010 bill, however, needs to be paid by July 1, 2009 to avoid interest charges. The Secretary will make sure she informs the Town Accountant about the July 1 bill.

N.E. Forestry donation – The Commission decided not to contribute to the N.E. Forestry Foundation this year.

Self-Help Grant

Leah said that the survey of the Hardy Street property had been completed; however, there was a problem which needed to be discussed with the entire Commission. As presently submitted, there would not be 200 feet of frontage back to the 150’ circle as required in the Town of Dunstable’s Zoning Bylaw. The ten acres also could not be used as a backland lot as there are not three (3) contiguous dry acres on the property. The Commission discussed that the cost to relocate the barn in order to get the required 200 feet to the circle would cost approximately \$7,000. Rich Larkin came into the meeting at the request of the Commission. He suggested that Alan call Celia Riechel (grant facilitator) to inform her of the issue with the barn. After discussion, the Commission decided they will plan on giving an easement to the owner of the barn (for maintenance) and go in front of the Board of Appeals to address the non conforming



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lots. In the meantime, Rich will contact Jonathan Avery to have him appraise the property with the barn moved.

Site Visit of June 6, 2009 – Lake Massapoag Rod & Gun Club

The Commission discussed that the Rod & Gun Club would need to file a Notice of Intent for the proposed work on Conservation Commission property. The NOI would need to be done for: 1) weed harvesting; 2) constructing a temporary weed stockpile area; 3) removal of trees, but not stumps for dam maintenance; 4) temporary stockpiling of weed waste material on Conservation Commission property.

Site Visit of June 6, 2009 – Matthew Raymond – 213-215 Pleasant Street

Mr. Raymond had called the Conservation Commission requesting a site visit due to a complaint from a resident about bulldozing down by Salmon Brook. The Commission went out to the site on Saturday, June 6th and found no activity had been taking place on Mr. Raymond's property near the brook.

Site Visit of June 6, 2009 - Adam Frye – Pleasant Street

Adam had contacted the Commission requesting a site visit for a greenhouse to be constructed on his property. The Commission determined that he could not build the greenhouse where he initially wanted as it would be in wetlands. The Commission suggested alternative locations and directed Adam to contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Melancon – High Street

The Commission discussed that Ms. Melancon has not removed the materials from the wetlands on her property. The Commission asked the Secretary to send her a reminder letter.

Blanchard Hill

The Secretary reported that \$3,562.50 of CPA funds is remaining in the Blanchard Hill/Stone Arch Bridge account. Alan will contact Kevin Smith about what can be done with the area.

Flat Rock Hill Parking

Judy told the Commission that the parking area at Flat Rock Hill needs to be mowed. There was question as to if a resident was willing to take on the mowing.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, June 22nd at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann - Secretary – Dunstable Conservation Commission