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Conservation Commission Minutes **August 10, 2009**

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

Adam Frye – Pleasant Street - Greenhouse

Adam came before the Commission to further discuss his plans for a greenhouse on Pleasant Street (site visit of 6/6/09). Adam contacted Dan Lenthall from the United States Department of Agriculture, who conducted a field visit of the property on August 6th. In his August 10th letter, he said that it appeared that the Massachusetts Wetlands Data layer more accurately reflects the conditions of the land than the Soil Map. He also suggested that Mr. Frye discuss his project with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Frye stated that he planned on building a 70'x20' greenhouse and may possibly use the brook for water. The Commission asked Mr. Frye to submit a Notice of Intent for the project which will clearly state what his plans are for the land, drawing of water, entry onto the property, site work to be done, cutting of vegetation, etc.

Meeting Minutes

Alan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the July 6th meeting. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills

Judy made a motion to renew the membership for the Nashua River Watershed Association (\$100.00). Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

The invoices for certified mail/Staples supplies were also signed.

130 Hardy Street – Blackburn Property

Mr. Blackburn had come before the Commission on July 6, 2009 due to a complaint from a resident about the possibility of a wetland violation. The Commission was made aware at tonight's meeting that the Blackburn property has been put up for sale. Because of the Wetland Protection Act/Dunstable General Wetland Bylaw violations, the Commission decided to issue Mr. Blackburn an Enforcement Order so that the infractions are on record. Alan told members that he had been out to the property on July 11th. Alan and Leah made a second visit to the property and addressed with Mr. Blackburn what needed to be done in order to bring the property back into compliance. The Commission decided that the work needed to be completed by September 30th.



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Hardy Street Property (Carter) Grant

Alan and Leah attended the August 3rd site visit with Celia Riechel (from the State). The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th. Alan met with the Selectmen and Finance Committee who both gave their support for the purchase of the Hardy Street property. The slides that will be presented at the Special Town Meeting will address: a) the public access to other protected land, b) the five (5) state protected species on the property, c) the Conservation Restriction – property can be used for education as well as potentially a community garden, and d) the fact that no additional taxes will be assessed for the purchase of this property.

The Commission decided that they will have a public open house on Sunday, August 23rd at 1:00pm for anyone that wants to walk the property prior to the Special Town Meeting.

August 24, 2009 Meeting

The Commission decided to move the August 24th meeting to Wednesday, August 26th.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Motion 2nd - Motion passed. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission