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Conservation Commission Minutes **September 28, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice Chair, Marilyn Pike
Members present: Jeff Haight, Judy Larter, Alan Chaney, Juan Amodei and Bill Moeller
Member absent: Leah Basbanes
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, lower level
Note: Bishop Guertin Student, Sarah C, attended the meeting - a requirement of her Civics Class.

Meeting Minutes

Judy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the September 14th meeting. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills - none

Adam Frye – Greenhouse – Pleasant Street

Adam Frye attended the meeting seeking endorsement of his building permit for a greenhouse on Pleasant Street. He told the Commission that Mary Trudeau flagged the wetlands and that the 10' x 24' solar greenhouse will be built outside the 100 foot buffer zone. Bill cautioned Mr. Frye that he must insure that all work, including excavation, be completed outside of that line. Bill made a motion to sign the building permit. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Hardy Street (Carter) Grant

The Secretary contacted Celia Riechel from the State to inquire as to when a decision will be made with regard to the self-help grant for the Hardy Street property. Ms. Riechel said that they hope a decision will be made by mid October.

Alan told the Commission that he had been in contact with Irene DelBono with regard to the Conservation Restriction. He went on to say that Attorney Larkin and Ms. DelBono will be working on the amendments. The Dunstable Rural Land Trust will be the holders of the CR.

October 12th Meeting

Alan made a motion to change the next meeting from Monday, October 12th (holiday) to Tuesday, October 13th at 7:30pm. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed. If the Secretary can not make the meeting, Judy will take the minutes.

Donation

Diana Quinn from Off Pond Street donated a kiosk to the Conservation Commission worth approximately \$250.



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Forest Stewardship Plan

There is additional paperwork that needs to be filled out in order to apply for the Forest Stewardship. Alan will work with the Secretary to complete the forms.

Woods Court Garage

David Tully, Jr. asked Alan about storing water hydrants in the Conservation Commission garage on Woods Court. At their meeting last week, the Water Department asked the Secretary to inquire about storing additional equipment in the building and adding a lock on the door. Alan said that the Water Department may want to clean up the garage if they want to use it. Judy made a motion to allow the Water Department to store items in the garage, at their own risk, and to put a lock on the door. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

130 Hardy Street – Blackburn Property

Leah stopped by the Blackburn property and noticed that most of the restoration work had been completed. While talking to Mr. Blackburn, Leah explained that additional work on the buffer needs to be completed by the deadline. Mr. Blackburn expects to complete the work by the 30th of September.

Milfoil Harvesting

Judy mentioned that the milfoil harvesting was underway at Massapoag.

YMCA Property

Alan told Commission members that Kathleen Nislee had contacted him regarding the sale of the Cambridge YMCA property in Dunstable. She mentioned that the Lowell YMCA may be interested in purchasing the property, but an appraisal will need to be completed before fair market value can be determined. Alan feels that there may be a possibility that with a collaborative effort of groups such as the DRLT, Conservation Commission, Lowell YMCA, and the Groton Conservation, the bulk of the land could remain as open space.

Farnsworth Timber Cut

Alan reported that he met with Forester, Gary Gouldrup and John Scanlon from Fish & Game. All parties agreed that the timber harvested from the Farnsworth parcel could be hauled out through the Fish & Game property.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Motion 2nd - Motion passed. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary – Dunstable Conservation Commission