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Conservation Commission Minutes **November 9, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes

Members present: Jeff Haight, Judy Larter, Marilyn Pike, Alan Chaney, Juan Amodei and Bill Moeller

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, lower level

Meeting Minutes

Bill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the October 26th meeting. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills

Judy made a motion that the Commission pay \$50.00 to the New England Forestry for membership dues. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Commission went out to all three Christmas tree sites. The majority of the members felt that they would like to sell trees from Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area on Mill Street and the Amos Kendall Conservation Area on High Street (not Woods Court). Tim Joyce, resident of Mill Street, was at the meeting and said that he was willing to work with Conservation Commission members since some of the trees are on his property. The tree sale will be on Saturday, December 5th and 12th from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Trees at both locations will be \$20.00

David LaRiviere – Off Pond Street

Mr. LaRiviere purchased property on Off Pond Street. His plans are to demolish the existing structure and build a new house on the same footprint. He said that he is roughly 50 feet from the water and will be working with Jeff Hannaford with septic/site work. The Commission told Mr. LaRiviere that he would need to file a Notice of Intent for the property since he was working within 100 feet.

LAND Grant – Hardy Street (Carter) Parcel

The Dunstable Conservation Commission received word that they were not awarded the LAND grant that we had applied for in July. After discussing their options, the Commission decided it would be negligent of them to not offer the town the right to proceed with the purchase of the property; therefore, the Commission will approach the Community Preservation Committee for an additional \$129,000. A new application will be filled out and delivered to the Committee for immediate consideration. If the additional funding is approved, the application will go to a Town Meeting vote. Judy made a motion to apply to the Community Preservation Committee



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for \$219,000 (\$129,000 more than the \$90,000 that was previously approved). Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Susan Psaledakis – Pathways

Ms. Psaledakis came to the meeting to discuss the goals of the Pathways Committee. She mentioned that in the Open Space and Recreation plan, as well as the Master Plan, paths are mentioned throughout both documents. Ms. Psaledakis told the Commission that the Committee is looking into mapping existing paths/trails in town. She asked if the Commission has anything in the works for new paths or a listing of existing ones. Other than the trails on Flat Rock Hill, the Commission does not.

YMCA Property – Hall Street

Alan told Commission members that he and Judy had attended a meeting with the Groton Conservation Commission (Bruce Eason), Groton Recreation, Cambridge YMCA and Lowell YMCA to discuss the eventual sale of the property on Hall Street. The Cambridge YMCA is looking into having an appraisal done on the property. Work is in the preliminary stages as zoning in both towns would need to be reviewed as well as wetland regulations.

Gary Gouldrup

Alan said that Forester, Gary Gouldrup is waiting for a letter from Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife Forester, John Scanlon before he can proceed with the timber cut on the Farnsworth property.

Camp Massapoag

Alan told the Commission that he had been contacted regarding some backhoe work that was being done below the water line on Lower Dam Way. Alan will drive out to the site to see if there is a violation.

Hunting on Conservation Commission Properties

A resident had come into the office earlier in the day regarding bow hunting on Conservation Commission properties. He had been approached by the Dunstable Police while driving out of the Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area. The resident came by to inquire which Conservation properties allowed hunting. The Commission said that all our properties are open to bow hunting, trapping and fishing, except where posted. No discharge of firearms is allowed. .

Open Space & Recreation Plan

Bill mentioned to the Commission that while reviewing the Open Space and Recreation Plan, he found that there were a number of changes that need to be made throughout the document. He went on to say that this would most likely be something that the entire Commission would need to be involved with in order to have it ready for the December 2010 deadline.



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Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Marilyn 2nd the motion. - Motion passed.
The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, November 23rd
7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission