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Conservation Commission Minutes **January 11, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Vice Chair, Marilyn Pike
Members present: Jeff Haight, Juan Amodei, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter and Leah Basbanes
(8:08pm)
Member absent: Alan Chaney
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, lower level

Sweet's Pond Road Property

The Secretary explained that this item will be added to the agenda after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set up a site visit to Mr. Sweet's property. The EPA has also requested that a member of the Conservation Commission attend the spring site visit once it has been scheduled.

Meeting Minutes of December 14th

Juan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as amended, from the December 14th meeting. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes of December 28th

Judy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the December 28th meeting. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills

None

The Commission asked the Secretary to look into the MACC membership.

January 25, 2010 Meeting

Bill made a motion to cancel the January 25th meeting if on the Wednesday before the Commission does not have any scheduled agenda items for that night. If the Commission does have business to conduct, the Secretary will schedule the meeting for 6:00pm.

Notice of Intent Hearing – Lowell St. Benjamin Mazzei – Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Marilyn opened the hearing at 7:45pm. Mr. Mazzei attended the hearing on behalf of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. He explained to the Commission that the site is located on Lowell Street, and although was abandoned over ten years ago, was at one time used for agriculture. He went on to say that the site is host to a number of invasive species. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's plan is to reclaim the field, restore it, and maintain the area for the benefit of native species. Work will start on the 13 acres in February. There will be about six wetland crossings with wetland matting used where necessary. A letter dated November 30th



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from Natural Heritage Endangered Species said that the project, as currently proposed, will not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. The letter also stated that no work shall be done between April 15th and September 15th. Mr. Mazzei told the Commission that there are plans to create three turtle nesting habitats since there are a number of listed turtles on the property. No DEP file number has been issued for the project. Mr. Mazzei verbally agreed to a continuation until the Conservation Commission received the DEP file number. After the presentation and discussion, Bill made the following motion, “to close the hearing effective the date that the Commission receives the DEP file number and to authorize the work as presented. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Hardy Street (Carter) Property

Bill told Commission members that the Finance Committee unanimously supported the purchase of the Hardy Street (Carter) property. The property has been listed in the Central Register. Attorney Larkin is working on the Conservation Restriction.

Annual Report for 2009

The Commission reviewed the 2009 Annual Report.

Wind Energy Conversion Devices

Judy explained to members that the Planning Board was working on a Wind Energy Conversion Device bylaw for the Town of Dunstable. The Board wanted to know how the Conservation Commission felt about allowing those types of devices on conservation property. The Commission agreed that “**for sites proposed on conservation land, the installation must be reviewed and approved by the Conservation Commission.**” The final draft of the bylaw will be reviewed by Attorney Larkin.

213-215 Pleasant Street ZBA Hearing

Leah mentioned to the Commission that there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing for 213-215 Pleasant Street on January 28th. She told the Commission that she was planning on attending the hearing. The Commission discussed any concerns that might need to be addressed with regard to Salmon Brook.

Off Pond Street

The Secretary reported that Attorney Larkin had reviewed the letter to residents of Off Pond Street. The letter was mailed last week.

DEP – New on-line form Seminar

The Secretary mentioned that she had received notice of a class that DEP was conducting regarding the new on-line filing system. Jeff made a motion to encourage the Secretary to attend the class on behalf of the Commission. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.



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Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Commission discussed the Open Space and Recreation plan and how to go about revising it by the December 2010 deadline. At the February 8th meeting, the Commission will review up through Section 2.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. July 2nd the motion. - Motion passed.
The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, February 8th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary – Dunstable Conservation Commission