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### **Conservation Commission Minutes** **February 22, 2010**

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

### **Meeting Minutes of February 8th**

Marilyn made a motion to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, as written. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed.

### **Bills**

None

### **Update on Hardy Street (Carter) Property**

Leah reported that all \$41,000 of donations for the Hardy Street property were received by the Treasurer before February 22nd.

The ANR for the property was signed at the Planning Board meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> and filed at the Registry of Deeds on the 18th.

The Secretary presented the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Commission to review and sign. After discussion, Jeff made the following motion, “I move that the Conservation Commission designate Alan Chaney to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town and L&M Realty Trust relative to the Carter property on Hardy Street, this action to be in partial execution of the authority granted by vote pursuant to Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of January 25, 2010.” Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn. – Motion passed. The Commission took this vote in order to designate a person as signatory who was not an abutter to the property.

### **Wall – McGovern Farm Area – Main Street**

Members of the Commission attended the hearing for the replacement of the wall near McGovern’s Farm on Main Street. Judy told members that the Historic Commission sent a letter to the Board of Road Commissioners (BORC) regarding the historic nature of the wall. Judy agrees that the integrity of the wall should not be compromised with the repair. After discussion, the Commission decided to send a letter to the BORC stating the following:

- 1) The Commission does not want any impact to the wetlands.
- 2) The Commission would like the project to maintain the existing footprint with no visual change to the stone wall.
- 3) The Commission would like only a minimal change to the curve in the road.



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- 4) The Commission feels that if there should be a provision for a foot path, we would like it to be on the south side of the road.

The letter will also request that we be kept informed as planning develops so we will have enough lead time for comments.

There may be a few Commission members that plan to attend the meeting on Wednesday night, the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. Members are interested in having the engineer determine the cost of the various proposals.

#### **Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Jeff told members that he, Alan and Bob Kennedy had worked on the “Introduction” section of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Jeff submitted it for future review.

The Commission reviewed “Section 8 – Goals and Objectives” at the meeting. The Secretary will incorporate the changes into the plan for future review.

The Commission asked the Secretary to send the “Recreation Goals” section to the Parks and Recreation Department for their review and comments.

At the next meeting members will be addressing “Section 9 – 5 Year Action Plan”

#### **Gary Gouldrup**

Alan told members that Gary Gouldrup plans on timbering the Farnsworth property late fall to winter. Alan will talk to Gary about the Spaulding Proctor property for potential timber cutting.

#### **Mike Jones – Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**

Alan has been in contract with Mike Jones regarding turtle barriers in Dunstable. Alan provided a list of the most important turtle crossings in town in hopes of working closely with the state.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> - Motion passed. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 1st at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary – Dunstable Conservation Commission