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Conservation Commission Minutes
May 24, 2010

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

Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2010

Marilyn made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes from May 10th. July 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Ben Walsh – Eagle Scout Project – Bat Houses

Ben sought the Commission's permission in early spring to build bat houses (as his Eagle Scout project) for Conservation property. He attended tonight's meeting to ask for their input on where they would like the twenty-five bat houses installed. Ben told members that the houses will be placed twelve feet up in trees, attached with two-3" screws. The Commission discussed various areas such as: Amos Kendall property on High Street, Flat Rock Hill on Mill Street, DRLT property on Main Street, Blanchard Hill on Skytop Lane, and the Fish and Wildlife property on Lowell Street. Ben will be working with other scouts this weekend to install these bat houses. Alan arranged to meet Ben and his family on Friday afternoon at 3:00pm to point out the locations. The Secretary will provide a map to Ben of Conservation properties.

Bills/Payroll

Payroll for the Secretary was signed (5/9-5/22).

Sweet Property

Alan was out at the site with Mr. Sweet reviewing the wetland flags. Mr. Sweet also showed Alan the mitigation area that was designated by the EPA and Army Corp.

Howard's Brook Conservation Area

Leah reported that the break in the wall for the parking area has been completed. A couple of boulders need to be moved before the parking area can be completed.

Note: The Department of Conservation Services contacted the Commission to inquire if they were still interested in applying for a grant for the Carter property. Leah called and explained that the property had been purchased a few months ago.

Off Pond Street

Bill submitted a disk with an inventory of pictures of the Off Pond Street area. Alan and Bill both believe that new brush has been added since the letter was sent out in the fall. Alan did speak to a resident who indicated that they had been given permission many years ago from the



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owner of the property to place brush there. Alan explained that there are other materials besides brush on the property and nothing at all can be placed within the wetlands. Alan will seek permission from the property owners to have signs posted.

Community Garden

Barbara Stone contacted Judy asking if there were community gardens in Dunstable. She also indicated that she might like to work on the Howard's Brook parking area. Judy will forward Leah's e-mail to her for future communication.

Parkhurst Street – Don Goldthwaite Property on Masspoag Pond

The Commission asked the Secretary to send a letter to Don Goldthwaite explaining that it was the view of Town Counsel that the lot Mr. Goldthwaite would like to sell is not a buildable lot. There also appears to be wetland and River's Act issues as well. Although the Commission is interested in the property, they are not in the position to purchase it.

Open Space and Recreation Survey - Neighbor to Neighbor

The Commission received thirty-four (34) responses of the Open Space and Recreation Survey that was included with the Town Reports. The Commission asked the Secretary to post a reminder in the Neighbor to Neighbor to residents that they would like the survey returned.

June 14th Meeting

The Secretary will not be at the next Conservation meeting, therefore, the Commission discussed that they would like to use that meeting to work on the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

ArcView

Bob Irzyk from the Pathways group came into the office asking if he could use the ArcView program for a project that the Pathways group is working on. The Commission discussed this and decided that that would be fine.

Ben Mazzei – Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Mr. Mazzei contacted the Commission asking if the Commission would allow the limited crossing of an ATV during the dry period (July-September) on the property west of Lowell Rd. There will be a DFW staff person on site to insure that there was no impact to the crossing. Alan made a motion to allow the crossing. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, June 14th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann, Secretary-Dunstable Conservation Commission