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Conservation Commission Minutes
June 28, 2010

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

Resident from Off Pond Street

A resident from Off Pond Street attended the meeting to discuss a letter that had been sent to residents of Off Pond Street in the fall (follow up letter was sent in the spring) regarding debris being placed in/near the wetlands. The letter stated that they must cease all dumping and clean up the area. The resident said that a few people had taken the initiative, rented a chipper, and cleaned up the brush this spring. He went on to say that since the clean up, two residents have placed additional brush in the area. Alan will speak to the residents to remind them of the State/Town laws regarding placing materials in or near the wetlands. If this situation is not rectified, Attorney Larkin will be contacted and fines will be assessed.

Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2010

Marilyn made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the May 24th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2010

Bill made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the June 14th meeting. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Bills/Payroll

Two payroll slips for the Secretary were signed.

Sweet Property

No update

Howard's Brook Conservation Area

Leah reported that the parking lot for Howard's Brook will be lined with logs and wood chips placed in the parking area. Leah talked to Dave Nicol about dumping some wood chips on the property.

Alan said that he spoke to the Fitch's daughter regarding the donation her parents made to the Dunstable Rural Land Trust, which was used to purchase the Howard's Brook Conservation area. Alan asked her if she would like her parent's names put on the sign. She was pleased with



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the idea and will discuss with her sister how she wants the names listed. Alan said the sign would read; "Howard's Brook Conservation Area in memory of ...(Fitch's names inserted).....".

Maps

There was discussion regarding mapping for some of our larger parcels of land. Alan told the Commission that the Town of Littleton had some maps that we could use as a guide. Alan would eventually like to get a Boy Scout to take this project on as an Eagle Scout project.

Open Space Survey

The Secretary reported that, to date, we have about forty Open Space surveys returned. Alan would like to see the number increase to about one hundred (roughly 10% of Dunstable households). The Secretary said that the Pathways Committee is planning on bringing some of their surveys to the Wednesday night concert series for residents to fill out. Alan offered to bring some on the night he will be there serving ice cream in mid July.

July 12th Meeting

The Secretary told the Commission that she will be on vacation the week of July 12th. The Commission decided to cancel that meeting since we do not currently have any items on the agenda. The next meeting for the Conservation Commission will be on Monday, July 26th.

Tree Removal – Kemp Street

Alan said that he had been contacted by Cindy Trank from Kemp Street regarding a large white pine tree on Conservation property that they would like removed as they are concerned it could fall onto their property. Alan had gone out to the site and said that the tree does not seem to be dying. He asked members to drive by the area to see the tree; however, members felt that there is no reason to remove the tree if it is not dead. There is also concern that if they did, it may set a precedent.

Timber Update

Alan reported that he has spoken to Gary Gouldrup about timbering, in the near future, three parcels; the Farnsworth property, Spaulding Proctor, and the Gage Town Forest.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Bill 2nd the motion. - Motion passed. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, July 26th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission