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Conservation Commission Minutes
August 9, 2010

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

Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2010

Marilyn made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the June 28th meeting. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with Judy and Jeff abstaining from the vote.

Bills/Payroll

No bills. Four payroll slips for the Secretary were signed.

Vote to Transfer Christmas tree money

Judy made a motion to transfer the Christmas tree money from the general fund to the Conservation Land Fund. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Community Preservation Committee Member

Alan made a motion to nominate Judy Larter as the representative from the Conservation Commission to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Kemp Street – Tree Removal

The Tranks on Kemp Street had approached a Commission member about the removal of a white pine tree on Conservation property. The tree may be impacting an oak tree on the Trank's property and could possibly damage vehicles/house if it was to come down during a storm. The tree is located up against a stone wall with about 1/3 of the branches hanging over onto the Trank's property. The Commission asked the Secretary to run this by Town Counsel and if he approves, to send a letter to the Trank's allowing them to remove the tree with the following stipulations.

1. The Tranks may remove one large white pine tree on Conservation Commission property (viewed with Mrs. Trank by member Alan Chaney) on Kemp Street.
2. All expenses incurred with the tree removal including any damages associated with the removal will be paid by the Tranks.
3. Tree must be professionally removed by a company with proper liability insurance.
4. All materials (i.e. branches, logs, chips) must be removed from the property.
5. Stump of tree must remain in place.
6. Any damage to the stone wall next to the tree must be repaired by the Tranks.
7. Work should be done from the Trank property.



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Sweet Property Update

Leah took a copy of the David Sweet mitigation plan to review.

Request for Determination

The Commission reviewed the Request for Determination for 91 Century Way. It was determined that no site visit will need to be scheduled. The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23rd.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Commission reviewed the results of the Open Space and Recreation surveys. The results will be incorporated into our Open Space and Recreation plan.

Howard's Brook Parking Area

Leah said that because of the heat, work has slowed down on the parking area for Howard's Brook. It will continue this fall. Judy will have the sign made.

Town Hall – Lawn

The Commission discussed the condition of the lawn at the Town Hall. Some members felt that because of the dry conditions, water should be conserved.

Nashua River Land Corporation – River Street

Alan and Leah had attended the meeting set up by the state in July regarding the Environmental Notification Form for the River Street project. Alan told members that letters were sent from the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments and the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Although a MESA permit probably will be issued, it was mentioned in a letter that deed restrictions should be placed on the rear portions of lots 8-15, near the boundary of the 100 year floodplain. No restrictions were shown in the draft permit. Also, the issue of grading or landscaping needs to be discussed with the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife on lots 16-18.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Alan 2nd the motion. - Motion passed. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, August 23rd at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission