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Conservation Commission Minutes **September 13, 2010**

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

Request for Determination – Randy Biggs – 91 Century Way

Dan Wolfe (David Ross Associates) attended the public meeting as representative for Mr. Biggs. Mr. Wolfe explained that there would be limited work (pipe replacement) in the buffer zone. The septic repair will take place in the back, outside the buffer. The Board of Health has already approved the plan. No residents or interested parties were in attendance. Marilyn made a motion to issue a negative 3 determination with the condition that if the septic tank needs to be replaced, it can be done without returning to the Commission for approval and that any fill and digging must be done away from the wetlands. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously

Patrick Thomas – Eagle Scout Candidate

Mr. Thomas was at the meeting with his eagle advisor. Mr. Thomas is proposing to build two (2) picnic tables to be placed at the top of Blanchard Hill. He is also planning on painting and identifying the skyline of the mountains on a large flat boulder and sealing the painting with Plexiglas. The project will be done in late October or early November. Bill made a motion to approve the project and designate Alan Chaney as contact and to sign any paperwork necessary for starting and completing the project. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously approving the project.

Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2010

Marilyn made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the August 9th meeting. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

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

Sweet Property

Leah told members that the Sweet restoration project is currently on hold. She also said that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be sending a letter regarding Mr. Sweet's "agricultural pond". Norse Environmental Services sent a restoration plan which is unacceptable to both the Conservation Commission and the EPA. EPA has also recommended that the Conservation Commission issue a 2nd Enforcement Order requiring compensation and mitigation consistent with the EPA's findings.



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Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Secretary told the Commission that the majority of the revised plan has been updated. The Commission agreed that they would like to use actual photos for the cover. Leah will submit pictures before the next meeting.

130 Hardy Street – possible fill issue

The Commission received a call from a resident concerned that the homeowner of 130 Hardy Street may be violating a 2009 Enforcement Order. They indicated that the owner may be bringing fill onto the property near the wetlands. Leah will stop by to see if there is a violation.

442 River Street

The Secretary mentioned that she had received a letter from an attorney in Newton stating that the Commission might have an interest in a property that may go up for foreclosure. The Secretary couldn't find any Order for the property so the Commission asked that a letter be sent requesting clarification as to what was found during the title search.

Kemp Street – Trank Family

The Secretary told the Commission that Mr. Trank dropped off the insurance information for the tree service they will be using to remove the pine tree on Conservation property. He also mentioned that they would call the Commission when the tree has been removed.

Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area

The Secretary told members that she had received a call from a resident inquiring about regulations for the Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area. She indicated that people camp on the property, build fires, drink alcohol, leave trash, use motorized vehicles on the property and park/leave cars while they go off somewhere else. The Commission discussed that a lot of these activities should not be allowed. The Commission will have a couple of signs made that state the "prohibited uses" such as overnight parking, camping, fires, discharge of firearms, motorized vehicles and disturbing of vegetation.

Judy mentioned that the hole on the property still has not been filled in and she has a concern about horses getting hurt. Leah said that she will e-mail Tim about the hole.

City of Nashua Property the Conservation Commission Owns

Bill questioned whether or not the amount the Commission is being charged is for a "developable lot". Alan said that he plans on talking to the City of Nashua about our tax bill. This property is used for open space and owned by the municipality.



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Howard's Brook

Judy asked about the exact wording for the sign at Howard's Brook Conservation Area. It will be: Howard's Brook Conservation Area, in memory of Edward P. and Arline M. Fitch.

Order of Conditions Extension

Ken Tully faxed a letter requesting an extension for his Order of Conditions for Woodland Road due to the slow economy. Judy made a motion to extend the Order. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Timber

Alan mentioned about selective cutting the Spaulding Proctor area. Judy made a motion to authorized Alan Chaney to sign the work order for the Spaulding Proctor Conservation area. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Marilyn 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, September 27th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission