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Conservation Commission Minutes **September 27, 2010**

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

Bills/Payroll

Bill made a motion to pay the invoice for certified mail. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Juan made a motion to pay the invoice for Nashua River Watershed dues. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bill made a motion to sign the secretary's payroll slip. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2010

Judy made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the September 13th meeting.
Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

October 11th Meeting – Holiday

The Commission discussed that the next meeting falls on the Columbus Day holiday. Judy made a motion to have a meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7:30pm. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Adam Frye – Greenhouse extension off Cross Street

Adam called earlier in the evening asking to be put on the Commission's agenda regarding an extension to his greenhouse. He would like to install a non-permanent structure (on beams) next to his existing greenhouse. He expects that he will need to bring the grade of the land up a bit. The Commission decided to schedule a site visit on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am. Members will meet at the site. They asked Adam to please stake out the location of the proposed addition and have a plan ready to show the Commission where and what he would like to do, including the proposed elevation.

Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area

The Secretary talked to the resident that lives near Flat Rock Hill regarding her concerns with the use of the conservation property. She is thankful that we are going to install a sign listing prohibited uses, however, is still concerned with people using the property at night and leaving cars in the parking lot all day while they go off somewhere. The Commission discussed that they



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could not restrict who parks on the property since some people enjoy biking in that area and need a safe area to park their car.

As far as the night usage, the Commission decided to install the new sign first and see if the problem continues. If so, they may think about limiting use to dawn to dusk.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Commission did not have any additions/changes to the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan that the Secretary forwarded to them last week. Leah sent pictures which will be incorporated into the document. Before sending the plan out to the Boards/Commissions in Dunstable and NMCOG, Alan will update the open space list.

130 Hardy Street – possible wetland violation

Leah went out to 130 Hardy Street and observed that the new owner has been bringing in fill which they are placing near the wetlands/buffer zone. The Commission had issued an Enforcement Order in 2009 against the previous owner for work done on the property. The Commission asked the Secretary to invite the resident of 130 Hardy Street to the next meeting to discuss this matter.

Kemp Street – Trank Family

The Secretary received an e-mail from the Tranks that the tree the Commission had given them permission to cut down had been removed. Marilyn went out to the site and reported that everything looked fine.

GIS Intern

Judy had received an e-mail regarding a GIS intern that the Commission might be able to use for mapping our properties. After looking into this further, it was discovered that he could only work for non-profit organizations like the DRLT.

Eagle Scout Project – Brochure of Pine Pathways and Esker Trail

Matt Banville dropped off a couple of brochures that he completed for his Eagle Scout project. Matt worked with the Pathways Committee, Goss family, Town Forest Committee, and Conservation Commission, with additional data supplied by NMCOG. The brochure gives the history of the three properties with a map of two trails that connect them. Discussion then turned to the concern that the trails on the Town Forest land would be used for hayrides. Alan said that the Town Forest Committee already discussed that they would not support such an operation because of the legal liability and because it would give the appearance that they supported a commercial operation on Town land.



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Forest Legacy Program

Alan mentioned that 1/5 of Dunstable is in the Forest Legacy District and is eligible for 75% funding for easements on residential properties. Al Futterman told Alan that he is willing to

work with the Conservation Commission to put together a package. He also mentioned that he has an Americore employee that he may use to head up the project.

David Sweet Property

No update

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 13th 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission