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Conservation Commission Minutes **October 13, 2010**

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

Mr. Allison – 130 Hardy Street – Possible Wetland Violation

Mr. Allison attended the meeting at the request of the Conservation Commission regarding a possible wetland violation on his property. The previous owner was issued an Enforcement Order due to work that he was conducting in/near the wetlands. Leah explained to Mr. Allison that the Commission had received a call from a resident that saw trucks hauling, what looked like fill, onto the property. Mr. Allison is a new owner and said that he was told from the previous resident that the line of rocks in the backyard were the edge of the buffer zone. The Commission clarified that the rocks were actually placed at the edge of the wetlands. The buffer zone extends 100 feet from the rocks. Mr. Allison agreed to meet the Commission at the property on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 9:00am to view the area.

Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2010

Judy made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the September 27th meeting.
Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

The payroll slip for the Secretary was signed

Adam Frye – Greenhouse extension off Cross Street

The Commission discussed Mr. Frye's site visit of October 2nd. Commission members agreed that the site of the greenhouse extension is located out of the buffer zone.

David Sweet Property

The Commission received a letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, dated September 28, 2010, regarding Mr. Sweet's property. It is their opinion that "the discharge of dredged or fill material in the pond would likely not be exempt from regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1314." The Commission discussed issuing an Enforcement Order with a deadline of June 15, 2011 for Mr. Sweet to follow through with a restoration plan. The plan that Norse Environmental had submitted is not acceptable to the Commission. The Enforcement Order will be sent out in the next week.



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Secretary Monday Night Hours

It was suggested by the Town Accountant that the Secretary's Boards/Commissions put in writing the agreement they have had with her since her start date in 2001. Judy made the following motion, "I move that the Secretary for the Conservation Commission continue throughout her employment with the Commission (or until the Commission votes to change the policy) to be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours for meetings. This has been the policy since she was hired in 2002." Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

License Agreement NE-DB-LA1 – Farnsworth Timber Cut

Alan reminded the Commission that the Farnsworth timber will be hauled out through Fish and Game property. The Division of Fisheries & Wildlife requested a twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollar bond in the event that there are damages. The Commission agreed to take the money out of the Timber Fund. This money is a bond only and should be returned upon completion of the project.

Spaulding Proctor Timber Cut

Alan explained that Gary Gouldrup recommended that the Conservation Commission host a site visit that will be open to the public to view the trees that will be harvested on the Spaulding Proctor property. Gary and members of the Commission will be in attendance. The Commission agreed to have the site visit on Saturday, November 6th at 11:00am. Anyone interested will meet at the Town Hall.

Forest Legacy Funds

Alan told Commission members that a member of Americore will be heading up the Forest Legacy project for the next eleven (11) months and working with towns to purchase easements on private properties. Dunstable is targeting 4-5 parcels west of Hollis Street and Unkety Brook to protect. Alan and Bob Kennedy will meet with the representative from Americore on Tuesday, October 19th at 9:00am to discuss this further.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Secretary told Commission members that the Open Space and Recreation Plan is near completion and should be sent to the town departments for comment by the end of October. The Secretary mentioned that she would like to extend the "Action Plan" from five to seven years. The Commission agreed to this. Bill pointed out that there isn't any mention in the plan of what would happen if an action item, during a particular year, isn't completed. Will the item be extended into the following year? The Secretary will incorporate that into the plan.

Unkety Bridge Damage

Judy mentioned that there was damage to the bridge at Unkety Woods. Jeff will take a look to see if the damage can be repaired.



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Stone Arch Bridge Dumping

Alan told members that the Dunstable Police spoke to the resident that was dumping debris onto Conservation property near the Stone Arch Bridge. Since then, there hasn't been any additional dumping done on the parcel.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Commission agreed to sell Christmas trees on Saturday, December 4th and Saturday, December 11th from 10:00am-2:00pm. The two sites will be Amos Kendall on High Street and Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area on Mill Street. Jeff will print the flyers. The Secretary will bring the sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Howard's Brook Conservation Area

Leah asked if there are any funds to be used to chip the Howard's Brook Conservation Area. The chips will be used for the parking area. There is currently \$1,672 that can be used from the Conservation Land Fund. Leah will get pricing before the Commission votes on whether or not to use the funds.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting for the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, October 25th at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission