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Conservation Commission Minutes October 25, 2010

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

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

Bills/Payroll

The bill for Staples (Open Space & Recreation covers) was signed as well as the payroll slip for the Secretary.

Judy made a motion to ratify the signing of the bond expenditure for 2,500 to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for the timber cut. Marilyn 2^{nd} the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bill made a motion to pay Leah for the \$200 expense to Greenleaf Tree Services for the chipping at Howard's Brook on Hardy Street. Judy 2^{nd} the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Certificate of Compliance – 147 Depot Street – Jim and Stephanie Tully</u>

The Tully's filed for a Certificate of Compliance for their property on Depot Street. The Commission agreed that they should make a visit to 147 Depot Street before issuing a Certificate of Compliance. A site visit is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th at 9:00pm. The Secretary will call Mr. Tully to inform him of the visit.

David Sweet Property

The Commission discussed the Enforcement Order for Mr. David Sweet. They asked that a letter accompany the Order that explains that this Enforcement is a continuation of the process started in 2009. The Enforcement Order will be written with a deadline of December 8, 2010 to receive the restoration plan and August 31, 2011 for completion.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Secretary presented the Open Space and Recreation Plan that was sent to Town Boards as well as the DRLT and NMCOG. Once letters of endorsement have been received, the plan will be sent to the Division of Conservation Services for approval before the December 31, 2010 deadline.



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Enforcement Order - 130 Hardy Street – Allison

The Conservation Commission made a visit to the site on Saturday, October 16th. The Commission discussed that activity had been conducted within the 100 ft. buffer zone (not in the wetlands). Leah stated that corrective action should be issued through an Enforcement Order. The Commission discussed that the buffer zone should be restored to a vegetated field. The fill material shall be graded to match surrounding undisturbed grades and shall be dressed with topsoil and seeded. A 20' buffer of natural vegetation shall be established along the edge of defined wetland (boulders). The Enforcement will be sent certified mail this week.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Commission agreed that the price of the trees to be sold on December 4th and 11th will be \$20.00. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Timber Cut

Alan mentioned to members that the Forester will be having showings of the Farnsworth and Spaulding Proctor properties for prospective buyers of the timber. Members interested in attending should call Alan Chaney for the time/date.

The public site visit of the Spaulding Proctor timber cut will be on Saturday, November 6^{th} at 11:00am. The bond check for the Farnsworth property will be given to the Secretary on this Tuesday. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will be posting a sign explaining about the timber operation.

Forest Legacy Program

Alan explained that the representative from Americore had met with him and Bob Kennedy. She will be working with towns in the area over the next eleven months. Alan said that the Conservation Commission would be the holder of any easements for properties that decide to participate in the program.

Properties Purchased with CPA Funds

The Commission discussed adding to the Flat Rock Hill sign and the Howard's Brook sign that the parcels were purchased partly with funds from the Community Preservation Act. Judy will look into this.

Judy made a motion to close the meeting at 8:20pm. Marilyn 2^{nd} the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann - Secretary for the Dunstable Conservation Commission

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