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Conservation Commission Minutes **January 24, 2011**

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

Request for Determination Public Meeting – Sean Carney - 270 Depot Street

Alan opened the public meeting for 270 Depot Street. Mr. Carney was in attendance to explain to the Commission that he would like to build an addition to the rear of his home. The addition will be located 16 feet further away from the wetlands than the existing home; however, it would still be within the buffer zone. Mr. Carney said that he was hoping to include a basement in the project, but it would depend upon how much ledge was uncovered during excavation. The Commission decided that they did not need to view the site since what was presented was adequate to determine the wetland boundary. After discussion, the public meeting was closed. Judy made a motion to issue a Negative 3 determination with the following conditions that Bill outlined. 1) Staked haybales & silt fence must be installed as shown on Figure A before work begins. 2) Excavated materials must be either removed from property immediately or stored behind house as far away from wetlands as practical. 3) Call Conservation Commission office when excavation starts. Jeff 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Permit – Lot 7 River Street – Al Patenaude

Mr. Patenaude attended the meeting seeking a signature on a building permit for Lot 7 River Street. The Commission agreed that since there are wetlands in the area, they would like to see the site. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, January 29th at 10:00am. Members will meet at the Town Hall and car pool to River Street. Bill made a motion that if after viewing the site, there aren't any wetlands issues, one of the members can sign off on the building permit. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2011

Juan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the January 10th meeting. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

One payroll slip for the Secretary was signed off.

Open Space & Recreation Plan

The Secretary discussed the changes that need to be made to the Open Space and Recreation plan. Alan and Leah will work with the Secretary on the five items listed in the December letter.



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Alan asked the Secretary to call Melissa Cryan to clarify what she means by “condition” of conservation and town owned properties.

Annual Report

Alan made changes to the draft of the 2010 Annual Report. Included in the report is a paragraph on motor vehicle trespassing in which Alan will update depending upon the Mass General Laws.

Rules and Regulations for Conservation Properties

Alan brought up that the Commission should look into rules and regulations for our Conservation properties. The Secretary will check out local town websites to compare regulations.

Vote to Utilize Part Time Help from the Highway Department

Alan asked that this be put on the Conservation agenda for the next meeting.

Possible Board Walk at Howard’s Brook – Hardy Street

Judy originally brought this up but has now asked that it be taken off the agenda.

Highway Plowing

Judy asked that the Secretary ask the Highway Department if they would plow in just a bit at Flat Rock Hill on Mill Street to keep cars off the street.

Boy Scout Projects

Judy mentioned that the Commission has certificates that she would like to see be given out to the three boy scouts for the Eagle Scout projects they completed in 2010. The Secretary will bring the certificates to the next meeting.

Woodward Mill Dam/Salmon Brook Reports

Commission members asked the Secretary to invite the Selectmen to attend their next meeting for a discussion on the Woodward Mill and Salmon Brook reports.

Jeff Haight Expenditures

Jeff mentioned a few items that needed the Commission’s approval:

- 1) Some of the bow saws that are used during the Christmas tree sale are in need of repair.
- 2) Some pressure treated wood at the bridge at Unkety Brook needs to be replaced.
- 3) The purchase of posts for the signs that Jeff is making for the Commission’s properties.

Bill made a motion to authorize Jeff Haight to spend up to \$100 for all three projects. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Forest Cutting Plan

Alan told members that two Forest Cutting Plans had been submitted; one for the Tully family (15 acres) and the other for the Dumont Family (6 acres).



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Response to Selectmen Welch's Letter – Open Space Plan

Alan passed out copies of his response to Selectmen Welch's letter dated December 7, 2010. After review, Jeff made a motion to send the memo from the Conservation Commission. July 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Bill then made a motion to authorize Alan Chaney to represent the Commission in any discussions with the Selectmen. July 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Timber Report

Alan reported that the Farnsworth timber cut on Westford Street has been completed. The Spaulding Proctor property on Groton Street will be completed sometime in February.

Motion made to close the meeting at 8:44pm. Motion 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission