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Conservation Commission Minutes **February 14, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes

Members present: Alan Chaney, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter and Jeff Haight

Members absent: Juan Amodei and Marilyn Pike

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level

Jessica Veysey – UNH Graduate Student

Ms. Veysey, a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire, asked to meet with the Commission regarding her dissertation research titled “Comparative Analysis of Wetland Protection Strategies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire”. She explained the method in which she planned on conducting her research and that she would like to work with four towns (2 in Massachusetts and 2 in New Hampshire). Her research design will incorporate four stages; documentary analysis, site plan analysis, hearing transcript analysis and interviews. At the end of the project, she is hoping to have recommendations for improved wetland management. Alan made a motion that the Commission assist Ms. Veysey with her project and authorize the Secretary to give Ms. Veysey access to the Commission’s records. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2011

Alan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the January 24th meeting. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Alan made a motion to sign the two bills and two payroll slips. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Open Space & Recreation Plan

Alan discussed his phone call to Melissa Cryan regarding changes to the Open Space and Recreation plan. Alan added the “condition of the parcels” and the “potential recreational uses” to the plan. Leah is working on updating other sections.

Certificates of Appreciation

The Secretary brought blank Certificates of Appreciation to the meeting. The Commission agreed to send out four certificates, one to each of the boy scouts that participated in projects in 2010 and one certificate to Paul and Jennifer O’Loughlin for their assistance on the Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area. Members signed the certificates which will be mailed out after our next meeting.



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Vote to Utilize Part Time Help from the Highway Department

This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Maps

Dianna Dalida forwarded the corrected maps to the Commission for review. The Commission discussed that they would like the square with the map of the state/town removed. They also decided not to include a disclaimer or to list rules/restrictions. Instead, the Commission decided that they wanted the following included on the map, **“You are responsible to know and follow all the Rules and Regulations for Conservation Commission properties.”**

Rules and Regulations for Conservation Properties

The Commission reviewed the list of potential rules and regulations for Conservation properties. The Secretary will seek Attorney Larkin’s advice regarding setting up a hearing to adopt these rules. There was also question as to if there could be fines imposed for violations.

Selectman Alterisio – Woodward Mill Dam

Selectman Alterisio attended the meeting at the request of the Commission to discuss the Woodward Mill Dam report. The Selectmen requested that the Commission review the January 28, 2010 report from Haley & Aldrich regarding the state of the dam. Alan made a motion to assign Bill Moeller as the Commission member to review the report and contact Denis Bell (Haley & Aldrich) to discuss their findings. Motion was 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously.

An Act Relative to Economic Development & Reorganization–Chapter 240,Section 173

The Secretary informed members that the Massachusetts legislature passed “An Act Relative to Economic Development and Reorganization” on August 4, 2010 which allowed for the extension of approvals in effect or existence during the tolling period (August 15, 2008 – August 15, 2010). The Secretary had contacted Attorney Larkin who confirmed that Chapter 240, Section 173 of the Acts of 2010 pertains to approvals of permits, certificates, orders, etc. The following Orders are extended: Shoreline Street-River’s Edge Estates (off River Street – NRLC) and Woodland Road-Joint Grass Brook Estates (off Main Street - Ken Tully). The Secretary will send out letters confirming the new dates of the extension of their Order of Conditions.

Timber Report

Alan reported that the Farnsworth property timber cut has been completed and that Spaulding Proctor will be finished in March.

Natural Heritage Reports on Forest Cutting Plans

Alan told members that the Commission received three reports from Natural Heritage on Forest Cutting plans that had been submitted. They are:



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Dumont – No Natural Heritage restrictions

Tully – Looking for additional information

Town – River Street cut – Must be completed by March 15th.

Motion made to close the meeting at 8:47pm. Motion 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission