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Conservation Commission Minutes **March 14, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Vice Chair, Marilyn Pike
Members present: Juan Amodei, Alan Chaney, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter and Jeff Haight
Member absent: Leah Basbanes
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level – Grange Room

Boy Scout Alex Webb – Eagle Project

Alex attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of working on an Eagle Scout project at the Blanchard Hill conservation property. He is interested in creating a trail in an area that had been damaged during the 2008 ice storm. Members expressed interest in working with Alex on this project and set up a site visit for Sunday, March 27th at 10:00am to walk the area.

Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011

Alan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the February 28th meeting. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed. Juan and Marilyn abstained as they were not in attendance at that meeting.

Bills/Payroll

No bills. Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to sign the payroll slip for the Secretary.

Open Space & Recreation Plan

No update.

Certificates of Appreciation

Marilyn and Juan signed the Certificates of Appreciation. The secretary will send them out this week.

Rules and Regulations for Conservation Properties

The Commission discussed the fines for violations of the Rules and Regulations for Conservation properties. A public meeting will be set up for April 11th.

Maps

Diana Dalida forwarded the updated maps of the trail system that her committee has been working on. Once reviewed by the Commission, she will ask Danice to post the maps on the town website. Alan asked that the map for the DRLT property be forwarded to the land trust for their website.



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Bill Moeller – Report on Woodward Mill Dam – corner of Pond Street and Pleasant Street

Bill told Commission members that the Secretary located a copy of the 1986 drawing from when Pleasant Street was reconstructed and work on the Woodward Mill Dam was completed. Bill talked to Denis Bell from Haley and Aldrich who was involved in the review of the current condition of the dam. He said that Town had a 4 out of 5 rating and that the only repair needed to be done in the future was on the down stream side of the retaining wall. The cost estimate of \$25,000 was for chipping away and patching the crumbling concrete. Bill questioned whether there was any liability of the State to repair the deficient work. The Secretary will invite the Selectmen to our meeting on March 28th for a discussion on the dam.

Spaulding Proctor and Farnsworth Timber Cuts

Alan reported that the Spaulding Proctor timber cut should be completed by the end of the 1st week of April. The Farnsworth property is also nearing completion. The stockpiled logs will be removed and after the job is completed, we will request the \$2,500 bond check to be returned. The Commission did receive a second payment of \$896.45 today.

Beagle Club Land on Depot Street

Alan reported that the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife have offered \$22,000 for the purchase (from the Town - Board of Selectmen) of the Beagle Club property on Depot Street. There was mention of the possibly for parking for a couple of cars and establishing a boardwalk for the public to walk out to the Black Spruce Bog. The cement block building would need to be removed prior to the purchase. Alan asked the Commission if they would be willing to spend funds to knock down the structure. Bill made a motion to authorize Alan Chaney to obtain pricing and inquire about the disposal of the remains of the building, spending up to \$1,000 for the project. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to close the meeting at 8:22pm. Motion 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission