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Conservation Commission Minutes **May 9, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes

Members present: Judy Larter, Marilyn Pike, Bill Moeller and Jeff Haight

Members absent: Alan Chaney and Juan Amodei

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level – Grange Room

Building Permit – Michael Dunlay – 880 Main Street

Mr. Dunlay explained that this lot was created through the ANR process. A Special Permit was approved by the Planning Board in April and he is now seeking a building permit signature to build a house on the backland lot. Work being done is outside of the 100 foot buffer zone. The Commission reviewed the plan and asked Mr. Dunlay to install a temporary plastic construction fence along the 100 foot wetland line to keep machinery from encroaching into the buffer zone. Bill made a motion to sign the building permit for 880 Main Street. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2011

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25th meeting with noted correction. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review Bills and Payroll

No bills were presented. One payroll slip for the Secretary was signed off.

Forest Cutting on Spaulding Proctor

The Secretary told the Commission that she received a check for \$9,525.11 for the 2nd payment on the Spaulding Proctor timber cut. This will be put into the Conservation Timber fund.

Sit Visits – April 30th at 37 & 35 Lower Dam Way and 951 Main Street – tree removal

The Conservation Commission had been out to 37 & 35 Lower Dam Way on April 16th to evaluate the trees that both residents wanted permission to remove. The results of the site visit were discussed at our meeting on April 25th. On April 30th, the homeowners on Lower Dam Way, with direction from Commission members, marked the trees to be cut. Both residents were instructed to plant some native evergreens to replace the White Pines that are being removed. The resident at #37 asked about shrubs to plant along the pond's edge. A list of acceptable native plants will be mailed to the residents. Both homeowners were asked to call the office when they are starting the process of removing the trees.



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The Commission received a call from the residents at 951 Main Street about a dead tree near the brook on their property. Members went out to the site after Lower Dam Way.

The Commission discussed at the May 9th meeting that the tree was not dead and not in any danger to the house. Members asked the Secretary to send the residents a letter asking them not to remove the tree in question. They should call the office if the condition of the tree changes. The homeowner will be sent a list of shrubs to plant along the banks of the brook if they so chose.

Tree Removal behind Pleasant Street

A homeowner from Pleasant Street called Judy regarding a resident using a tractor to remove trees across from Salmon Brook. Evidently the resident was removing a dead tree damaged by a beaver and in doing so, knocked down a couple of healthy trees. It did not look like the resident was removing any additional trees and the ones removed were away from wetlands. No additional investigation needs to be done.

Regulation/Fines for Conservation Commission Properties

The Town Clerk asked that Conservation Commission members sign the Regulations and Fines for Conservation Commission properties document before filing it with her office.

Mathew Banville's Eagle Scout Ceremony

The Secretary reminded members that if they are interested in attending Matt's Eagle Scout Ceremony they RSVP by May 14th.

Open Meeting Booklets

The Secretary did not receive the Commission's booklets so they will be given out at the next meeting.

Flat Rock Hill Erosion Issue and Complaint

Leah brought up the erosion issue at Flat Rock Hill saying that it has gotten worse. Bill agreed to take a look at the site and make suggestions to rectify the problem. After Bill reports back to the Commission, members will determine what should be done.

An abutter to Flat Rock Hill e-mailed the Commission regarding problems she and her neighbors have been having with hunters. They are interested in posting regulations as well as no hunting signs. The Secretary set aside time at 7:30pm on May 23rd to address these issues.



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Blanchard Hill

Judy mentioned that someone has been damaging the picnic tables up on Blanchard Hill. Members asked the Secretary to put something in the Neighbor to Neighbor and on the Town Website explaining to residents that the picnic tables are there for everyone to enjoy. Residents need to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Woods Court

An abutter on Woods Court came to the office with a number of issues with regard to our property at the end of Woods Court.

- 1) Cars turn around on her property. She would like us to give her permission to post a "private drive" sign on a pole near our property.
- 2) Would like the Commission to post a sign indicating where parking is located for our property.
- 3) She reported that ATV's drive all over Conservation property.
- 4) There is a collapsed culvert causing flooding of the area.
- 5) Garage is a nuisance.

After discussion, the Commission decided the following:

- 1) Yes, she may post the sign at her own expense.
- 2) The Commission will post a parking sign.
- 3) The Commission will post a "no motorized vehicle" sign on our property.
- 4) Bill will check out the damaged culvert.
- 5) Conservation will look into removing the garage.

Westford Street Sign near Power Lines

It was mentioned that a sign identifying the brook near the power lines had been knocked down. The Commission asked the Secretary to see if the Road Department could put it back up.

Motion made to close the meeting at 6:34pm. Motion 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on May 23, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission