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Conservation Commission Minutes September 26, 2011

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

Members present: Marilyn Pike, Alan Chaney, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter, Jeff Haight & Juan Amodei

Members absent: none

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

<u>Cross Street/Pleasant Street - Greenhouse - Adam Frye</u>

Mr. Frye had called earlier in the day to say that he wanted to cancel his 7:30pm appointment.

611 Hollis Street - Elizabeth Olivera - Barn

Ms. Olivera had attended one of our August meetings to inquire about building a barn at 611 Hollis Street. There are wetlands on the property, and at the time, she was advised to hire a specialist to flag them. The Commission asked her to return with a sketch of where she would like to place the barn. She returned tonight with that information. After review of the sketch, it was determined that the barn would be out of the buffer zone, therefore, no filing would need to be done. She is planning on cutting some trees in the buffer and removing the stumps for pasture land. The Commission asked Ms. Olivera to mark the limit of the tree line at 40 feet so no equipment will accidently encroaches onto the wetlands. Members asked her to call the office when she starts the clearing.

Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2011

Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes, as submitted, from the September 12th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review/Sign Bills and Payroll

No bills. Alan made a motion to sign the secretary's payroll. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Flat Rock Hill Culvert - No report

Demolition of Garage at Unkety Woods Preserve - Woods Court - No report

October 10th meeting - holiday

The secretary mentioned that the next meeting falls on the October 10th holiday. Alan made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, October 11th. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Leah will not be in attendance at that meeting.



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Camping Application

The Secretary handed out a draft of a "camping application" in the event that the Commission is approached by an organization wishing to camp on Conservation Commission property. She asked members to review the form before the next meeting. Once approved by the Commission, the form will be sent to Attorney Larkin for review.

Possible Wetland Violation - Forest Street

The Commission had received notification that there may be a possible wetland violation on Forest Street. Some members drove by the property and agreed that there may be a wetland that has been impacted by the clearing of trees. Members asked the secretary to send a letter to the resident asking him/her to attend our next meeting so we may insure there are no conflicts with town or state wetland regulations.

<u>Sweet Enforcement – Restoration Plan</u>

Leah reported that as far as she knows, the work has been completed at the site.

Possible Wetland Violation - Off Pond Street

Judy had asked Leah to drive by Off Pond Street to see if there was a possible wetland violation. Leah said that there is a fairly new trench that has been dug to divert water from the dirt road, however, it is not on the wetland side.

Trail Maps

Judy mentioned that Diana Dalida offered to continue using GPS and marking trails for the Commission. Members agreed that it was a good idea. Judy will ask Diana to attend a future meeting.

MSR Utility Corp/Matt Raymond - Continued Hearing - Planning Board

Alan mentioned that the hearing for 205-215 Pleasant Street (MSR Utility Corp./Raymond) has been continued to October 3rd and encouraged members that are available to attend.

Timber Cut

Alan said that Hopkinton Forestry won the bid for the Selectmen's timber cut on River Street. This will be a selective cut/chipping operation. The winning bid was \$167 per thousand board feet. Money from this cut will go into the general fund.

ConCom Breakfast Meeting

The Secretary reported that she, Marilyn and Bill attended the ConCom Breakfast meeting on September 19th at the Nashua River Watershed Association. The meeting was from 8:00am-9:30am and included members from five towns/organizations. The topic of discussion was "Enforcement". The next meeting is scheduled for January 2012.



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Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:02pm. Motion 2^{nd} . – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on October 11, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Secretary Dunstable Conservation Commission