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Conservation Commission Minutes **October 24, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes
Members present: Marilyn Pike, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter, Jeff Haight & Alan Chaney
Member absent: Juan Amodei
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level – Grange Room

431 Forest Street – Enforcement Order – McNamara

Mr. McNamara was in attendance to discuss his restoration plan with the Commission. Steve Eriksen from Norse Environmental had been working on the plan, however, he was not at the meeting and no plan was presented. Leah had previously received an “existing conditions” plan from Mr. Eriksen showing the survey of the property that was prepared by Andover Consultants. The survey exposed that a portion of the violation is on a neighboring property. As timing is crucial, the Commission asked Mr. McNamara to do the following:

- 1) Establish the 100 foot buffer zone by placing boulders on the line or planting trees.
- 2) Seed (with annual and perennial grasses) the affected area, as soon as possible, putting down hay to stabilize the soil.
- 3) When conditions allow, remove remaining stump piles and logs out of the buffer zone.
- 4) Fill in the ditch with the soil that was removed from that area, packing the soil down tightly.

The Commission asked the Secretary to contact Steve Eriksen to submit a replication plan by the November 14th meeting.

Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2011

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review Payroll/Review and Sign Bills

No bills were presented. Secretary’s 10/22/11 payroll was reviewed by the Commission.

Flat Rock Hill Culvert

Alan spoke to David Tully regarding the culvert at Flat Rock Hill and they are planning on going out to the site to see what can be done. Alan said that if David can’t get to the repair, he would contact Don Clements about an estimate to do the work.

Demolition of Garage at Woods Court

Alan has a call in to Attorney Larkin to inquire about the Parks and Recreation Department using the garage for storage of their equipment.



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Camping Application

The Secretary reported that the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief reviewed the camping/fire application for Conservation Commission property and made some recommendations. This application will go into effect immediately.

Vhalos – 35 Valley Street – tree removal

Judy and Bill went out to Mr. Vhalos property to view the areas where he wants to remove some trees and invasive species. The Commission discussed that Mr. Vhalos could remove the trees and invasive species when it is safe to do so.

Young – 441 Forest Street – tree removal

Mrs. Young had called regarding some trees that she would like removed from her property. Judy will go out to the site to see if the proposed work is out of the buffer zone.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Secretary asked the Commission if they planned to have the tree sale this December. Members discussed the conditions at both sites and agreed to sell trees at Amos Kendall and Flat Rock Hill on December 3rd and 10th.

Parking Area of MSR Utility Maintenance Corp. – Pleasant Street

The Commission discussed that the Planning Board is currently reviewing a list of potential conditions for the Special Permit (if approved). One area still under discussion is the upper lot where equipment would be parked. Commission members looked over the applicant's proposed site plan showing a clay/gravel parking area. It is the consensus of the Commission that there is no assured insight, by looking at the design, as to how the plan will actually work. Members will attend the next Planning Board meeting on November 21st.

MUD – Pleasant Street - Walter Alterisio

The Secretary told members that Selectmen Alterisio stopped by her office earlier in the day to ask if a Natural Heritage filing had been previously prepared for the Mixed Use District. The Secretary told him that she did not believe one had been done for the project that was proposed years ago. Selectmen Alterisio asked that a member of the Commission stop by the Selectmen's meeting to discuss this further.

Alan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:19pm. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on November 14, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann, Secretary, Dunstable Conservation Commission