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Conservation Commission Minutes **November 14, 2011**

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

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

Member absent: Alan Chaney

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

431 Forest Street – Enforcement Order – McNamara

Mr. McNamara attended the meeting to inform the Commission that Steve Eriksen from Norse Environmental has not completed the restoration plan for his property. He is planning on having the plan ready for the next meeting. Mr. McNamara told members that the storm delayed the seeding that the Commission had asked him to do; however, with the warm weather this past weekend, he was able to complete it. He went on to say that nothing else has been accomplished because he was waiting for the ground to freeze. The Commission explained to him that they want the ditch filled and packed down firmly before the next meeting on November 28th. Leah asked Mr. McNamara if the Commission could stop by before the meeting to make sure he complied with their request to fill the ditch. He said, “Yes”. The Secretary told Mr. McNamara that she will put him on the agenda for Monday, November 28th at 7:30pm to review his restoration plan.

Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2011

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24th meeting. Judy 2nd the motion.
– Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Sign Bills

Two bills were presented and signed for stamps and the City of Nashua real estate taxes.

Review Payroll

The Secretary’s payroll for 10/23/11-11/5/11 was reviewed by the Commission.

441 Forest Street – Tree Removal - Young

Judy told members that she had walked 441 Forest Street with the homeowner and the trees that were identified to be removed were dead and leaning. She told Mrs. Young that when she cuts down the trees, she should leave the stumps in place. No filing with the Commission is required.

Flat rock Hill Culvert Update

No update



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Demolition of Garage at Woods Court

No update

Discussion on Damaged Bridge at Unkety Woods Preserve

The Commission had been notified by resident Harold West that there was damage done to the bridge off Woods Court by a tree that fell during the last storm. Marilyn went out to the site to view the destruction and reported that the bridge is in need of repair. The Secretary provided pictures from Mr. West for the Commission to review. After discussion on what might need to be done, Jeff said that he would go out to the location to evaluate the damage.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Secretary told members that she has advertised in the Groton Herald, Lowell Sun, Neighbor to Neighbor and on the town website about the December 3rd and 10th tree sale.

Leah told members that she was just up at the Selectmen's meeting and had offered the Amos Kendall property on High Street to the Highway Department as a spot where residents could drop off trees/limbs that had come down during the last storm. She told them that all of the wood would need to be chipped and blown onto the hill.

Jeff said that there are some trees in the way of the Amos Kendall Conservation dirt road and he asked for permission to cut the trees so residents can get down there for our tree sale. The Commission said he could cut the trees in the way and take the wood with him.

Off Highway Vehicle Safety Brochure

The Commission asked the Secretary to post the website in the Neighbor to Neighbor that talks about the laws and safety regulations in Massachusetts concerning off highway vehicles.

October 27th Fuel Leak on Main Street/French Street

The Commission received word on October 27th that a private vehicle had leaked fuel onto Main and French Streets. DEP was notified and it turned out that the leak did not migrate to the brook, so no further action needed to be taken.

GPS – Trail Maps – Diana Dalida

Diana Dalida called the office before the meeting to ask what additional areas the Commission would like mapped in Town. Ms. Dalida worked with others to complete trail maps of Flat Rock Hill, DRLT property and Unkety Brook. The Commission discussed that the next property that they would like mapped would be the Spaulding Proctor Reservation.



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58 Groton Street – Dead Trees – Jessica Costa

Ms. Costa called the office to report that two trees on Conservation Commission property (abutting her residence) were in danger of falling. She explained that the trees, located on the ledge of the hill in her backyard, were dead. Jeff said that he would call the resident about the trees.

Bill made a motion to close the meeting at 8:02pm. July 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on November 28, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission