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Conservation Commission Minutes **December 12, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes
Members present: Bill Moeller, Jeff Haight, Juan Amodei and Alan Chaney
Members absent: Judy Larter and Marilyn Pike
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level – Grange Room

431 Forest Street – Enforcement Order/Restoration Plan – McNamara

Mrs. McNamara attended the meeting along with Steve Eriksen from Norse Environmental. Mr. Eriksen presented a restoration plan for 431 Forest Street which included removal of the stump pile when the ground freezes, planting indigenous wild flower mix seed in two areas near the wetlands, seed the remaining disturbed area with perennial grass mix (cover w/1” straw/hay suitable for winter stabilization), maintain the erosion control until the area is stabilized, plant indigenous non-invasive species of shrubs at least 2 feet high in areas shown on the restoration plan (during spring).

The Commission discussed a timeline for the work to be completed. Alan made a motion to accept the restoration plan presented at tonight’s meeting with a deadline of **May 15th** for the work to be completed. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

As some of the damage was done to a neighboring property, Mrs. McNamara was reminded that she will need permission from her neighbor in order to plant two shrubs on his property. She must also finish the mulching of the disturbed area that has not been completed, and was told that members of the Conservation Commission will be out to the site this week to inspect her progress.

Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2011

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Sign Bills

Motion made, 2nd and passed unanimously to sign the one invoice for Nashua River Watershed Association dues of \$100.

Review Payroll

The Secretary’s payroll for 11/20/11-12/3/11 was reviewed by the Commission.



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Notice of Intent Hearing Continuation - 355 River Street – Lot 2 – Christopher Deturk

Jeff Hannaford attended the hearing, representing the applicant, Christopher Deturk. Jeff told the Commission that Leah had been out at the site and confirmed the wetland delineation. In the meantime, a response from Natural Heritage was received by the applicant (and Conservation Commission) indicating that additional information is required in order for MESA to continue their review. The letter also stated that no work may be done on this site until NHESP has completed its review. Mr. Hannaford has been working with Natural Heritage to revise the plan. Some changes include: increasing the “no touch” area which includes a temporary clearing at the well site, changing the slope from 5-1 to 4-1 and shifting the driveway. Mr. Hannaford explained that MESA will want a protection plan for the turtles during construction which will include installing erosion control between now and March. After the discussion, Bill made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for 355 River Street – Lot 2. Alan 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. Although the hearing is closed, Mr. Hannaford/Mr. Deturk must continue to work with NHESP to resolve all issues before starting the project.

Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area

Leah said that she will be getting a couple of quotes for work to be done at Flat Rock Hill.

Demolition of Garage at Woods Court

Alan asked the Secretary to contact Rich Larkin about the Recreation Department using the garage at Woods Court.

Discussion on Damaged Bridge at Unkety Woods Preserve

No update.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Secretary reported a successful tree sale with \$1,455 made during the two weeks.

December 26, 2011 Meeting

Alan made a motion to cancel the December 26th meeting. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Alan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:05pm. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary – Dunstable Conservation Commission