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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **January 9, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by member, Alan Chaney  
Members present: Bill Moeller, Jeff Haight, Marilyn Pike and Judy Larter  
Members absent: Leah Basbanes and Juan Amodei  
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level – Grange Room

### **Eagle Scout Project – Collin Sullivan**

Boy Scout, Collin Sullivan, attended the meeting with his advisor to discuss an Eagle Scout project on Blanchard Hill. Collin is proposing to install water bars on the east side of Blanchard Hill. These water bars will help slow down erosion and make hiking easier. When it was brought up about the number of water bars that the project entails, Collin stated that it depended upon the steepness of the trail and how far apart he has to put the water bars. The Commission agreed that he could use pressure treated wood or downed oak/maple trees, however, no concrete or steel materials. Ditches will be dug on the side of the trail and filled with some gravel to provide for adequate drainage. When asked about how he was planning on anchoring the water bars, Collin said that they will be anchored, however, he needs to research this a bit further. After the discussion, the Commission told Collin that they will support his project. Collin will return to the Commission when he is ready to begin the project.

### **Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2011**

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review and Sign Bills**

Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously to sign the one invoice for certified mail.

### **Review Payroll**

The payroll slip for Robert Bacon and the Secretary's payroll slips were reviewed by the Commission.

### **Flat Rock Hill Culvert Repair**

Judy said that she still needed to get in touch with Kevin Smith about the culvert repair.

### **Demolition of Garage at Woods Court**

Alan said that Attorney Larkin told him that because Unkety Woods Preserve was purchased with State Self-Help funds, the use of the garage would have to be directly related to a Conservation Commission purpose, therefore, another department could not use the building for



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storage. Alan received a price of \$4,500 for the tearing down and removal of the garage. The concrete floor will be buried on site. The Commission, once a contractor has been chosen, will contact the power company about removing the lines.

### **Discussion on Damaged Bridge at Unkety Woods Preserve**

No update.

### **Christmas Tree Sale**

The Secretary reported a successful tree sale with \$1,475 made during the two weeks.

### **Fiscal Year 2013 Budget**

Members discussed the fiscal year 2013 budget. Bill made a motion to request \$1,500 for “Operations” and “Salaries” of \$13,159 plus the finance committee’s recommendation for salary increases for town employees. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Annual Report**

The Commission discussed and made changes to the draft annual report that the Secretary handed out. Members asked the Secretary to review past minutes to see if any Eagle Scout projects were completed in 2011. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Judy made a motion to close the meeting at 8:20pm. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary  
Dunstable Conservation Commission