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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **March 26, 2012**

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

### **Wes Goss – 446 Pleasant Street**

Wes asked to address the Commission to update them on improvements that are scheduled to be started at his property within the next week. With funding provided by a grant, he is constructing a greenhouse and digging a shallow well for irrigation. The Commission agreed that the work he has planned is allowed under an agricultural exemption. Wes also told members that he worked with Dan Cyr on a Farm Plan which he provided for the Commission to review. Leah asked if the Commission could have a copy of the plan. Wes will provide a copy to the Secretary.

### **Collin Sullivan – Eagle Scout Project – Blanchard Hill – Water Bars**

Collin asked to meet with the Commission regarding his Eagle Scout Project. Collin plans on clearing debris from a path on the back side of Blanchard Hill and installing 6-8 water bars. Drawings of the steps he will undertake were given to members for review. Work is expected to be started this spring. Bill had a suggestion of creating a 2” wide shallow hollow to catch the mud runoff. This will be incorporated into Collin’s plan. Since the concept was previously discussed and approved by members, Leah signed off on the Eagle Scout paperwork.

### **90 Forest Street – Jill & Richard Thibeau – Tree Removal**

Ms. Thibeau had called the office regarding four (4) trees near the wetlands on her property that she would like to have removed. The tree service company she contacted suggested that she get the approval of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Thibeau provided pictures of the dead/dying trees. The Commission approved the removal of the four trees but asked Ms. Thibeau to grind the stumps and leave them in place.

### **Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2012**

Juan made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alan 2nd the motion.  
– Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review and Sign Bills**

None



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### **Review and Sign Payroll**

The Commission reviewed and signed off on the 3/11/12-3/24/12 payroll for the Secretary.

### **Order of Conditions for 17 & 23 Massapoag Way – Peter Palakavong Na Ayutaya**

The Commission wrote the Order of Conditions for both 17 and 23 Massapoag Way. Included in the Special Conditions are:

#### **17 Massapoag Way:**

- a) Primary and expansion trenches must be flipped to keep the primary leaching area out of the buffer zone.
- b) Permanent demarcation shall be installed by the builder. Type (fence, stone, etc.) must be approved by the Conservation Commission prior to installation.

#### **23 Massapoag Way:**

- a) Primary and expansion trenches must be flipped to keep the primary leaching area out of the buffer zone.
- b) Permanent demarcation shall be installed by the builder. Type (fence, stone, etc.) must be approved by the Conservation Commission prior to installation.
- c) Driveway: the 250 feet from Massapoag Way heading towards the house shall be crushed stone with regular pavement allowed from the 250 foot mark (near the well) to the house. The paved area shall be graded to tip south towards lot 3 so runoff will drain away from the stream.

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

The Commission discussed Kevin Smith's quote of \$3,925 for the culvert repair at Flat Rock Hill. Members discussed what funds could be used for this project. After the discussion, Judy made a motion for Kevin to do as much of the repair as he can for \$3,400 with the understanding that \$2,000 will be paid immediately and the remaining \$1,400 after July 1, 2012.

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

No update

### **Knotweed – Flat Rock Hill and Skytop Lane**

Leah received a verbal estimate of \$500 for treatment of the Knotweed areas at Flat Rock Hill and Skytop Lane. Work would be done in late summer. Leah is waiting for additional information.

### **Certificate of Compliance**

Alan made a motion to issue Certificate of Compliances for the following properties based on the results of the site visits of March 17th:



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44 Swallow Lane, 11 Brittany Lane, 7 Brittany Lane and 161 Off Pond Street  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **April 9, 2012 Meeting**

The Secretary reminded members that she would be out on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will still hold a meeting on that night.

### **398 Groton Street – McKenna - removal of materials in/near wetlands**

The Secretary reminded members that someone needs to go out to 398 Groton Street around April 9<sup>th</sup> to see if Mr. McKenna has removed the materials in/near the wetlands on his property as instructed by the Conservation Commission.

### **Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda**

#### **Alex Webb – Eagle Scout Project – Blanchard Hill – 100 Acre Pasture Trail Clearing**

Alex completed his Eagle Scout Project in October of 2011 and attended tonight's meeting to share the details of his project with the Commission. He provided packets to members of the details including cost, fundraising, hazards/safety, equipment used, pictures and drawings. The previously inaccessible trail was cleared of the trees and brush that were brought down by the 2008 ice storm. Alex also built two small foot bridges over a stream that intersects the trail in two places.

#### **285 Forest Street – Derek Bernard**

Mr. Bernard attended the meeting hoping to address the Conservation Commission about a barn that he would like to build near the wetlands on his property. The area has not been flagged. Leah reminded the resident that the town bylaw states that he can not put a permanent structure within 60 feet of the wetlands. After discussing his limited options, the Commission decided to go out to the site on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am.

#### **441 Forest Street - Young**

The Secretary told members that Mr. Young had called the office to remind the Commission to stop by his property, as was discussed back in January. His concern is the neighbor's earthwork that may be causing water to pool on his property. The Commission asked the Secretary to notify Mr. Young that they will be out on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.

#### **12 Acre Property on Main Street**

Alan brought up that the town has the opportunity to purchase (from the Best family) the triangle parcel on Main Street behind the veterinarian's office. There are twelve acres; four of which are field with the remaining eight being wooded. Alan is looking to see if Conservation Commission



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members would be in support of this purchase. Funding the \$699,000 purchase price was discussed. This will be put on the agenda for the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in which time Alan will be looking for a vote of support from members.

**87 High Street – Donald & MaryAnn Silk – Possible Wetland Violation**

It was mentioned that members saw a possible wetland violation at 87 High Street. The Commission asked the Secretary to send a letter to the resident to stop all activities within 100 feet of the brook and to attend the next meeting on April 9th.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 9:10pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary  
Dunstable Conservation Commission