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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, April 9, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes
Members present: Alan Chaney, Bill Moeller, Marilyn Pike and Juan Amodei
Members absent: Judy Larter and Jeff Haight
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall – lower level – Grange Room

Donald and MaryAnn Silk – 87 High Street

The Silks attended the meeting in response to a letter they received about a possible wetland violation on their property. Alan and Bill, while walking the Tobey property, noted alterations on the Silk's lot. There was a possible disturbance to the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). Anything within 100 feet of the BVW is under the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Silk explained that several trees fell over from the October 2011 storm and undermined the brook. He is in the process of cleaning out the debris. Alan said that he was not on the property so he didn't presume what activity there was, but told Mr. Silk that he needs to stay out of the wetland which is at the toe of the slope. Mr. Silk said that he has slowly been moving material by truck to higher ground so he can burn it. He plans on seeding and mulching the cleared area and is hoping to get done before the burning season is over. Mr. Silk then asked if he can remove the Ash trees along the property line. The Commission said that if they are in the wetlands, he must leave them.

Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012

Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 26th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Flat Rock Hill Culvert Repair

The Commission had e-mailed a letter to Kevin Smith outlining items to be completed with regard to the Flat Rock Hill culvert repair. In the letter Mr. Smith was given the price of \$3,400 with the understanding that \$2,000 will be paid immediately and the remaining \$1,400 after July 1, 2012. The Commission has not heard if the terms are acceptable to Mr. Smith.

Knotweed Infestation removal at Flat Rock Hill and Blanchard Hill

No update

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

As of today, no one went by the property. The next time a site visit is scheduled; Mr. McKenna will be added to the list.



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285 Forest Street – Bernard – Garage/Barn

The Commission conducted a site visit on March 31st. Mr. Bernard was told that he will have to file a Notice of Intent. The Commission will allow construction of a garage as long as the large shed will be removed. The new structure will be farther away from the wetland. The area of the shed will be restored to the natural conditions or encompassed by the new structure.

441 Forest Street – Young – Water in Backyard

The Commission went out to the Young's property on March 31st. Members observed that the re-grading done on the neighboring property has created a dam/berm increasing the water level on the Young's yard. There is definitely wetland on the Young's property but there has been an alteration of wetland on the McNamara property next door that is causing additional water to flow onto the Young's lot. The Commission will contact the McNamara's and their consultant to revisit the site, revise the restoration plan and grade the site appropriately to allow positive flow of water – swale.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 55 Lower Dam Way – Deshler

Alan moved to sign the Certificate of Compliance for 55 Lower Dam Way. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

12 Acre Property on Main Street – Best Property

Alan made a motion that the Conservation Commission support the purchase, by the Town, of the 12 acre Best parcel, comprised of 5 lots, the so-called "Triangle Piece" on Main and Lowell Streets with the existing open field to be preserved as an open space field, with the provision that the field may also be used for a passive, subsurface, waste water treatment area. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Order of Conditions 147-0278 - Main Street – McGovern Wall Project

There has been a very minor adjustment to the replication area for Order of Conditions 147-0278. The adjustment is so small that members agreed it does not require a new filing. Bill moved to accept the new plans for the replication area adjustment with changes to sheets 5, 7, and 11. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

None

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Basbanes