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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 23, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Leah Basbanes
Members present: Jeff Haight, Alan Chaney, Juan Amodei and Marilyn Pike
Members absent: Bill Moeller and Judy Larter
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

804 Main Street – Question on our Wetland Bylaw – Steve Palmer

Mr. Palmer did not attend the meeting.

61 Valley Street – Brenda Carter

Ms. Carter, the resident living at 61 Valley Street called after the 7/14/12 site visit to her property and asked to be put on the agenda for tonight's meeting, however, she did not call to cancel nor did she attend the meeting.

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2012

Alan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the July 9th meeting. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Sign Bills

None

Review and/or Sign Payroll

Alan made a motion to sign the Secretary's payroll slip for week ending 7/28/12. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Knotweed Infestation Removal at Flat Rock Hill/Blanchard Hill

The work order was mailed on July 10th. Leah will contact Michael Barry to get an estimated date for when the foliar herbicide application will be applied.

Certificate of Compliance - 398 Groton Street – McKenna

As the property is now in compliance (voted at the last meeting) Commission members signed the Certificate of Compliance for 398 Groton Street.

535 Forest Street - site visit of 7/14/12 – Steve Richardson – Garage Addition

Three members went out to 535 Forest Street as a result of a letter from a wetlands specialist hired by Mr. Richardson who determined that although the proposed addition is within the 100 foot buffer zone, the wetland is not a jurisdictional wetland due to the



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fact that our bylaw allows for determination of a wetland to be by vegetation only. Members observed that there is a wetland behind the house, near the shed. The Commission confirmed that by vegetation and soils as well as evidence of puddling. Recommendation is to file a Request for Determination for the garage addition.

431 Forest Street – McNamara - Restoration of Backyard – Site Visit – 7/14/2012

Members attending the site visit on July 14th noticed that the site still needs some work. The swale is functioning, but not stabilized. The final grading and seeding has not been completed. The Commission asked the Secretary to send a letter to the McNamara's telling them that the swale needs to be stabilized by seeding and mulch hay by 7/31 and the final grading and seeding of the remainder of the property must be completed by 8/31. Failure to meet the deadlines will result in further enforcement action.

61/67 Valley Street – Allard/Chellis – Informational Site Visit – 7/14/2012

Mr. & Mrs. Chellis attended tonight's meeting to discuss the results of the 7/14 site visit.

Both 61 & 67 Valley Street were notified by mail that members of the Conservation Commission had scheduled site visits to their properties due to concern about possible wetland violations. The Chellis' of 67 Valley Street attended the site visit; however, the resident at 61 Valley Street was not present. At the site visit, the Commission observed a great deal of new fill which had been placed in the buffer zone towards the brook. There was also landscaping equipment from Stevenson Landscaping on one of the properties.

After discussion tonight with the Chellis', it seems the issue is determining who is ultimately responsible for removing the fill and/or equipment in the wetlands/buffer zone. The Chellis' do not know the exact location of the lot line between the two properties. The Commission told the Chellis' that they should have their property line surveyed as well as the wetlands delineated to give them and the Commission a better idea of who the responsible party is. The Commission gave the Chellis' 2 months to get the property surveyed and wetlands delineated. In the meantime, a cease and desist letter will be sent to 61 Valley Street notifying the resident that all activity on the embankment must stop. An invitation to the resident to attend our August 13th meeting will be extended.

Beavers at Stone Arch Bridge Property

Judy wanted it mentioned that there are a few beaver dams on the Stone Arch Bridge property that could eventually cause some issues.



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Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Stone Arch Bridge Debris

Alan spoke to the Police regarding a resident of New Hampshire who has continued to dump debris on Conservation Commission property. The Police Department will contact the resident.

Alan made a motion to adjourn at 8:03pm. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission