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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, November 26, 2012**

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

Addition within 100' Buffer Zone - 200 Pond Street – Bob Hopke

Mr. Hopke attended the meeting to inquire about paperwork he needs to file to put an addition on the back of his house within the 100' buffer zone. The Commission asked if he had the area flagged recently. He replied, "No". The addition will be on the same footprint as the existing deck, which will be removed. The Commission told Mr. Hopke that he needs to file a Request for Determination.

Ryan Flanagan – Eagle Scout Project - Kiosks

Ryan attended the meeting with his father and proposed building trailhead kiosks on Conservation Commission property for his Eagle Scout project. Ryan asked members how many and where they would like to place kiosks. The Commission discussed a kiosk at the entrance to Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area and the Stone Arch Bridge Conservation Area. Ryan will approach the Commission once he has more details on the type of kiosk.

285 Forest Street – Derek Bernard – Planting Plan

Mr. Bernard asked to meet with the Commission regarding his planting plan for 285 Forest Street. He previously consulted with Norse Environmental; however, after reviewing the sketch, members told Mr. Bernard that because of the vast area of disturbance, he will be required to plant eight 3' high plantings (types depicted on the sketch). The plantings must be completed by May 15th. Mr. Bernard asked if he could put down silt socks (or straw waddles) in place of silt fence and hay bales. The Commission agreed. Bill then made a motion to allow the Secretary to sign the building permit for Mr. Bernard's addition. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Building Permit - 286 Pond Street - Viesca

The builder for the Viesca's came to the meeting to have a building permit signed off for 286 Pond Street. Work will be over 300 feet away from the wetlands. The building permit was signed off.



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Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2012

Judy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the October 22nd meeting. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Sign Bills/Payroll

Bill made a motion to sign the bills and secretary's payroll. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Conflict of Interest Law from Town Clerk

The Secretary handed out the "Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law" to members along with the receipt for them to fill out and sign.

Certificate of Compliance – 12 Lake Circle

Bill made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 12 Lake Circle. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance – 611 Pleasant Street

Leah had been out to the site and reported that the area was stable. Alan made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 611 Pleasant Street. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Tree Sale – Saturdays, December 1st and 8th

The Secretary reminded members about the tree sale for this Saturday and the following Saturday.

Flat Rock Hill Culvert Repair

The Commission asked the Secretary to e-mail Kevin Smith to find out when the repair work will be completed on the culvert at Flat Rock Hill.

517 Groton Street – Montague – Downed Trees from Storm

The Secretary told members that the resident at 517 Groton Street requested to remove some trees that were damaged/fell on his property from the recent tropical storm. Leah cited an emergency regulation which covered the immediate removal of the downed trees (10.61: Storm Emergency Regulations in the Aftermath of TROPICAL STORM SANDY (on or about October 28, 2012). A letter was sent to the homeowner giving him permission to remove the trees.

30 Acre Parcel on Hall Street/Lake Street – Lewis Property

Alan asked the Commission to vote to authorize him to enter into a contract for timber cutting Spaulding Proctor and the Town Forest. Approximately 150,000 feet of pine will



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be removed giving the Conservation Commission about \$20,000. Alan told members that a walk of Spaulding Proctor will be conducted in mid-January. Bill made a motion to allow Alan Chaney to enter into a contract with NEFCO for a timber cut. Judy 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Dana Metzler

Mr. Metzler asked to address the Commission regarding trees that he would like to remove, many of which have fallen down, at 220 Forest Street (his son-in-law's property). The trees are in the wetlands, therefore, will need to be removed during the winter. Members of the Conservation Commission will meet Mr. Metzler out at the site on Saturday, December 1st at 9:00am.

Alan made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, December 10th, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission