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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **Monday, January 14, 2013**

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

### **61 Valley Street – Enforcement Order Replication Plan – Brenda Carter**

Steve Eriksen from Norse Environmental Services attended the meeting representing Ms. Carter. He passed out a map showing the area of fill and a “schedule of work” for restoring the buffer zone at 61 & 67 Valley Street. The Commission approved the plan presented and established a date of June 15, 2013 for completion of the restoration. The Commission asked to be contacted before work is started. A letter will be sent to Ms. Carter.

### **Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2012**

Juan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review and/or Sign Bills**

The Secretary presented an invoice for \$115 for Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC) conference/classes on March 2nd. The Commission signed off the charge with the understanding that approval from the Selectmen would be needed in order to spend Wetland Protection Act funds.

### **Review and/or Sign Payroll**

The Secretary’s payroll slip was signed.

### **Flat Rock Hill – Mill Street - Culvert Repair**

Leah reported that Kevin Smith was out at the Flat Rock Hill Conservation area creating channels for water flow in order to solve the erosion issue. Leah believes that the channels may not take care of the problem. Sediment from the area was not removed.

### **Culvert at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT) Wildlife Refuge**

Alan told members that a culvert at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust Wildlife Refuge needs to be replaced. All members agreed that that would be classified as routine maintenance.



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### **Christmas Tree Sale Results**

The Secretary reported during the two Saturdays that Christmas trees were sold brought in a total of \$1,300.

### **30 Acre Lewis Property – Hall Street**

Alan reported we were moving along with the possible purchase of the 30 acre Lewis parcel on Hall Street. The next item was to get an appraisal of the property, a requisite for a state self-help (LAND) grant. The Commission discussed using timber funds for this. Alan made a motion for the Secretary to get an opinion from Town Counsel regarding spending Spaulding Proctor timber funds for an appraisal of land abutting Spaulding Proctor. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed.

Alan also made a motion to engage the services of a land appraiser to complete the appraisal on the Lewis property subject to the approval by Town Counsel to use Spaulding Proctor funds. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed.

Alan said that the timber cut bids were awarded for the Town Forest and Spaulding Proctor properties. Both will be chipping operations.

The Commission asked the Secretary to send the Lewis family pictures of the property and to let them know that the timber operation is underway and that we hope to have an appraisal completed within the next month or so.

### **Messier Property Donation – Lower Dam Way**

The Conservation Commission was contacted by Carol and Joe Drummey (by e-mail) as they are interested in donating a small parcel of land on Lower Dam Way to the Town of Dunstable. The property is .197 acres and is owned by their mother, Harriet Messier. The Secretary contacted Town Counsel, Rich Larkin, for advice. Rich sent an e-mail on January 2, 2013 to Joe offering his assistance in drafting the documents for the transfer. We are now waiting to hear from Mr. Drummey.

### **Review of Annual Report**

The Secretary handed out copies of the draft 2012 Annual Report for review. No changes need to be made.

### **Fiscal Year 2014 Budget**

The Secretary handed out the fiscal year 2014 budget, asking to level fund the operations portion and include the finance committee's recommendation for the salary portion.



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### **Unkety Brook Bridge Vandalism**

Leah contacted Hiroko Sata, a reporter from the Lowell Sun, to see if there was interest in writing an article about vandalism to town properties. In particular, Conservation Commission properties have been hit hard. The latest casualty, the Unkety Brook Bridge, was completed as an Eagle Scout project back in 2001. Picnic tables and panorama of the skyline at Blanchard Hill have also been damaged in the past.

### **Letter from Kevin Eriksen – Deschenes & Farrell – River's Edge Estates**

The Secretary handed out copies of the letter dated January 2, 2013 from Kevin S. Eriksen, of Deschenes & Farrell regarding the River's Edge Estates Conservation Restriction (CR) which was one of the conditions of the River's Edge project. Mr. Eriksen asked if the Conservation Commission was still willing to accept the CR. Alan made a motion to inform Mr. Eriksen that it is our intention to accept the Conservation Restriction on behalf of the Town of Dunstable for the property formally owned by Nashua River Land Corp. and known as River's Edge Estates, subject to prior review of the content of the Restriction. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. A letter will be sent to Mr. Eriksen.

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

Motion made to adjourn at 8:32pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary  
Dunstable Conservation Commission