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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, April 8, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chair Leah Basbanes
Members present: Bill Moeller, Alan Chaney, Marilyn Pike and Judy Larter
Members absent: Juan Amodei and Jeff Haight
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

Dick Henry - Question on Road Way Access to Amos Kendall

Mr. Henry contacted the office to ask if he could postpone his appointment with the Commission until the next meeting. Leah said that he had also contacted her mentioning that since the foresters were going to be in the area it might be a good time for the Commission to log their adjacent lot. Alan will go out to the site and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2013

Bill made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the March 11th meeting. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

One invoice for certified mail was signed.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

The Secretary's payroll slip for week ending April 6th was signed.

2013 MACC Conference

The Secretary handed out a synopsis of the 2013 MACC Conference classes she attended in March.

Ryan Flanagan – Eagle Scout Project - Kiosk Design

Ryan presented power point slides of his Eagle Scout project which he hopes to complete in early spring or summer. He plans on building two information kiosks; one at Flat Rock Hill Conservation area and one at Stone Arch Bridge Conservation area. The kiosks will be located off the road to insure that they are not targeted by vandals. The Commission asked Ryan to contact the office when he is ready to place the kiosks.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda



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Report on Unkety Brook Bridge - Scoutmaster – Troop 28

The Scoutmaster for Troop 28 was in attendance and mentioned to members that his scouts are over committed in April and May; therefore, they will not be able to get to the repairs of the Unkety Brook Bridge until later in the year. The Commission said that late August or September would be a better time anyway because it is a drier season. The scouts plan on pulling materials out of the water and reuse what they can. The Scoutmaster asked if there were funds available that could be used if additional materials needed to be purchased. Judy suggested putting an article in the Neighbor to Neighbor asking for donations for the repair.

Dan Faubel – Eagle Scout Project – Bumford Barn Site

Dan attended the meeting to inquire about support for his Eagle Scout Project. Dan plans on cleaning out brush/trees in and around the foundation, the pathway and the parking lot at the old Bumford Barn off Lowell Street. He also plans on setting up a kiosk which will describe the historical aspects of the site. Bill mentioned that if his plans include painting the stumps with chemical to insure the trees won't sprout, to please use non-pathogenic materials. Alan reminded Dan that there is a lot of poison ivy at the site so he needs to make sure that individuals with an allergy to poison ivy don't take part with the clearing part of the project and that all of the remaining scouts are well protected.

Barbara Blanco

Ms. Blanco attended the meeting looking for assistance on filling out a Notice of Intent to draw down and harvest weeds from Lake Massapoag. As there are already Order of Conditions issued by the towns of Tyngsboro and Groton, Leah asked Barbara to get the Commission copies for us to review.

April 22nd Meeting

The Secretary mentioned that she would not be at the April 22nd meeting and asked if the Commission would be interested in moving the meeting. It was agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00pm.

Main Street – Possible Dumping in Wetlands

The Commission had been notified that there may be some dumping in or near wetlands at a property on Main Street. A member went by the site and reported that the wetlands were not involved but instructed the Secretary to contact the Board of Health about the dumping near the Tyngsboro line.



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Timber Cut – Spaulding Proctor

Alan reported that the Town Forest was complete and the foresters moved to the Spaulding Proctor Reservation. While there, they plan on moving the woods road over off the neighboring property. This too will be a chipping operation.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:21pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 6:00pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission

APPROVED