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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, June 10, 2013**

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

Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2013

Judy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the May 29th meeting. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

Marilyn made a motion to sign the invoices for the MACC yearly membership and certified mail. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

Alan made a motion to sign the secretary's payroll slip. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Information Paving Common Drive - 430 Groton Street – Jim Keough

The manufacturer of RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement) provided a sample of the material that will be used in the paving of the common drive on Groton Street. The existing gravel will be grated, holes filled and 2" of RAP will be laid and compacted. The driveway will not be bound or sealed. The width will be no wider than 12 feet starting at Groton Street and ending past the house at 420 Groton Street. Members asked Mr. Keough about the permeability of the RAP. Mr. Keough looked up the specifications and found that the materials are permeable. There was question as to if Mr. Keough would need to file with the Commission. Leah said that he was working within an area that was already disturbed and within an existing footprint. Alan made a motion to allow Mr. Keough to use RAP for the common drive as described above. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

804 Main Street – Amy Palmer – Above Ground Pool

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer attended the meeting seeking approval for their 18'x33' above ground salt water pool. Ms. Palmer indicated that the edge of the pool would be 47' from the swale. The swale on the property has a small amount of water flowing through it 1-2 months a year, is 3" deep and empties into a culvert that goes across the street. Leah said that the drainage ditch is not a freshwater wetland therefore the set back



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does not apply. Judy made a motion to permit the above ground pool at 804 Main Street as described above. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Carter – 61 Valley Street – Enforcement Order Cleanup

Ms. Carter called the office and explained that she was starting the cleanup at 61 Valley Street as described in her Enforcement Order letter.

Pictometry Update

Juan explained that he had talked with Carlin Andrus regarding Pictometry. He suggested to Mr. Andrus that the Pictometry pictures should be available free or at a nominal cost to users to see if we would like to purchase updates in the future. Mr. Andrus will get back to Juan.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Steve Spaziani – Debris Removal from Conservation Properties

Mr. Spaziani attended the meeting to discuss his Geo-Cache group cleaning up some of the conservation properties in town. He went on to say that he has been hiking/exploring areas such as the Stone Arch Bridge and Flat Rock Hill and was disturbed by the amount of garbage people dump. He would like permission to get started on this in October/November timeframe. The only thing he would need from the town is to arrange for the removal of the trash which includes washing machine parts, car parts and broken glass. The Commission asked the Secretary to contact the Board of Health to see if a container for the trash could be dropped at the first cleanup site on Main Street. Alan asked about liability insurance. Steve indicated that his members are self insured (like anyone enjoying the areas) but if scouts were aiding in this clean up, they would be covered by the troop policy. Alan and Judy will speak with Charlie Tully about the first targeted area as it is on his property and the Dunstable Rural Land Trust regarding the quarry area.

Eagle Scout Project – Felix Shen

Felix attended the meeting looking for additional ideas for his Eagle Scout Project. Members told him that there are three projects that come to mind such as creating a new bridge at the rotted out bridge site behind Swallow Union Elementary School, a kiosk at DRLT Gregg Woods/Fletcher Street area or a trail along the stone wall at Flat Rock Hill. Alan and Judy will meet with Felix on Saturday, June 15th at 9:00am to take him to the three sites.



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Eagle Scout Project – Dan Faubel – Bumford Site

Dan attended the meeting seeking a signature on his application for his Eagle Scout project. He will be cleaning the old Bumford site foundation as well as building a pressure treated kiosk. He is hoping to start this project in the fall. Dan would like to post information regarding the history of the site as well as any pictures under a piece of 18"x24" Plexiglas.

Michael Barry – Knotweed Control

Leah said that she will contact Michael Barry for an estimate to come back out to spray invasive species on Main Street, Flat Rock Hill quarry and Blanchard Hill Conservation area.

Barbara Blanco – Lake Massapoag

The Secretary mentioned that Barbara would like information on the chapter describing the law against dumping debris of any kind in the lake. Leah will find that information and send it to the Secretary.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:35pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission