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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, June 24, 2013**

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

Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2013

Judy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the June 10th meeting. Juan 2nd the motion.–Motion passed with Bill and Jeff abstaining from the vote.

Review and/or Sign Bills

Marilyn made a motion to sign the \$150 invoice for office supplies. Juan 2nd the motion. –Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

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

Certificate of Compliance – 27 Woods Court - MacEachern

A Certificate of Compliance (COC) was requested by Attorney Dunn's office for 27 Woods Court, DEP #147-79. The resident is selling the home and needs the COC for the closing. Leah went out to the site on June 12th and told the Secretary that she did not see any problem with issuing the COC at the next meeting. Motion made, 2nd and voted unanimously to sign off on the Certificate of Compliance for 27 Woods Court.

Pictometry Update

Juan said that he has not heard back from Carlin Andrus.

Clean up of Conservation Areas – Geo Cache Group – Fall 2013

The Secretary explained that she had talked with the Board of Health Secretary (Joan) about having a dumpster placed in the area of the clean up off Main Street. Joan said that she could order a dumpster; however, it would come at a cost of up to \$500 to the Conservation Commission. Judy mentioned that Sue Psaladakis used someone that may be able to haul away the trash for around \$200. Alan will also talk with Charlie Tully to get permission to clean up of one of his areas.



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E-Mail from Lisabeth Willey Regarding Blanding Turtles Research

Both the Secretary and Leah received e-mails from Lisabeth Willey, a post doctorate Research Associate at University of Massachusetts Amherst, regarding studying Blanding Turtles on some Conservation properties. Bill Moeller made a motion "to grant permission to Lisabeth and her team to conduct a sampling and monitor Blanding's turtles (employing a standardized monitoring protocol) on Town Conservation properties. Properties included are: Kennedy Conservation Area, Amos Kendall Conservation Area, Spaulding Proctor Reservation, Holmes Conservation Area, Goldthwaite Conservation Area and Parkhurst Street Conservation Area. This sampling is approved for the month of July and the Dunstable Conservation Commission will receive a report on what was learned". Motion 2nd by Judy Larter. – Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Carter – 61 Valley Street – Enforcement Order Cleanup

Leah was out at the site and instructed the person responsible for the clean up that there is additional work that he needs to complete such as loam and seeding the slope and removing the fill from the stonewall town line. He was given two weeks to complete this task. Leah will follow up mid July.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Building Permit – 167 Hollis Street – Accessory Building

Bill Moeller presented a building permit for a shed that he wanted signed off. He explained that the 12x14, one story shed will be 126 feet away from the nearest point of the wetland. Juan made a motion to sign the building permit. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with Bill abstaining from the vote.

Westford Street Residents Complaint Regarding Mosquito Spraying

A resident on Westford Street concerned about a neighbor spraying mosquitos called a member of the Conservation Commission to determine if there are any bylaws in place to prevent this type of activity. The resident said that the neighbor indicated that they plan on continuing spraying every 3 weeks or so. The Commission reviewed the Conservation Restriction (CR) that was placed on some properties on Westford Street. One such condition states, "No herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers shall be used within said Parcel". The Commission needs to determine which resident is spraying to see if they lie within the area of the restriction. Judy made a motion "that if it is determined that the resident spraying mosquitos lies within the Conservation Restriction area, they will be sent a letter to immediately cease all such activities. Motion 2nd by Marilyn. –



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Motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout Project – Felix Shen

Alan reported that he met with Felix and his father to show them potential Eagle Scout Project sites such as the bridge behind Swallow Union, kiosk site on Fletcher Street and the trail site abutting the 100 acre pasture. Felix will contact the Conservation Commission when he has decided which project he would like to pursue.

Culvert/Drain at Spaulding Proctor

Alan mentioned that he has been talking with David Tully about fixing the culvert/drain at Spaulding Proctor before the fall.

Christmas Tree Funds

Bill made a motion to transfer (as per the vote at the May 2013 Annual Town Meeting) the Christmas tree funds of \$1,300 from the General Fund to the Conservation Land Fund. July 2nd the motion. – Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:03pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission