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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, August 26, 2013**

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

Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2013

Juan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the August 12th meeting minutes.
Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

None

Review and/or Sign Payroll

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

41 Adam Street – Removal of Trees - Ping Li/Weina Zhang

Leah and Juan met the homeowner out at the property on August 17th to review which trees he would like to cut. After discussing the site visit, the Commission asked that a letter be mailed to Ping Li/Weina Zhang with instructions that approximately eight (8) pine trees surrounding the edge of the wetlands may be cut down. He may grind the stumps, but they can not be removed. The Oaks and Maples must remain. No filing is required.

7:35pm – Notice of Intent Hearing – Krishnaswamy – 274 Pond Street – Lot 1-A

Jeff Hannaford from Norse Design Services was in attendance representing the applicant. Mr. Hannaford told members that Mr. Krishnaswamy would like to build a single family 4 bedroom house on 2 ½ acres. There are wetlands located in the back of the lot. The proposed project is a buffer zone only project involving grading and a small piece of the driveway. The house will be 106' away from the wetlands. DEP assigned file #147-0285 to the project. Alan and Leah scheduled a site visit for Thursday, the 29th of August at 10:00am. Mr. Hannaford then requested a continuance until the next meeting which is currently scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 7:30pm.



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Certificate of Compliance (COC) – 252 Kemp Street – Cail – 147-44

The Secretary explained that the work for DEP #147-44 had never commenced. Alan made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 252 Kemp Street (147-44) stating, “*Invalid Order of Conditions: It is hereby certified that the work regulated by the above-referenced Order of Conditions never commenced...*” Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance (COC) – 141 High Street – Guaraldi – 147-51

The Guaraldi's applied for a Certificate of Compliance for 141 High Street. Alan and Leah decided that they would drive by the property on Thursday after the site visit to Pond Street. Jeff made a motion to sign and hold the COC until Leah and Alan confirm that everything is in order. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Letter to 61 Valley Street – Enforcement Order – Brenda Carter

Leah reported that the area has been stabilized and the completed work satisfies the requirements of the Enforcement Order. The Secretary will issue a letter to Ms. Carter that her Order is now closed.

Off Pond Street – Site Visit Result – Possible Silt in Wetlands

Leah and Juan went out to Off Pond Street as a result of a complaint about silt flowing into the wetlands. While on Off Pond Street, members noticed an area that had a significant amount of fill placed in the wetlands. It is unclear as to who may have done the work but it is a clear violation of the Wetland Protection Act and our local bylaw. Alan and Jeff will go out to the site before an Enforcement Order is issued.

285 Forest Street/431 Forest Street – Recheck of Properties

Leah reported that she had driven by both sites and everything was in order.

Sign Work Order for Invasive Species Control – Michael Barry

Alan made a motion for Leah to sign the Work Order for the invasive species control which will take place this fall. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Midwest Biodiversity – USEPA Survey of Unkety Brook

The Secretary told members that she had received a call from Mick Micacchion from Midwest Biodiversity in Ohio regarding a fall survey of Unkety Brook. Mr. Micacchion's team will launch a canoe into the brook to do a random review of the area. Members are interested in Mr. Micacchion's feedback on his findings.



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Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

River's Edge Estates Subdivision – River Street

Leah informed members that the owner of River's Edge Estates will be coming in to a future meeting to discuss a possible re-design of the River Street 36 lot subdivision.

Self Help Grant Applicant

Alan reported that he had asked the Secretary to start the process of filling out the state self-help grant application for a parcel on Main Street owned by Tully.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission