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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, September 9, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes

Members present: Juan Amodei, Alan Chaney, Jeff Haight, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter & Marilyn Pike

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

7:31pm – Notice of Intent Hearing Continuation –Krishnaswamy –274 Pond Street

Jeff Hannaford could not be at the meeting; therefore, there wasn't a representative present to speak on behalf of the applicant. Leah reported that she and Alan had gone out to the site on Thursday, August 29th and agreed with the wetland delineation. The Commission has not heard from Natural Heritage (NHESP) regarding the filing. NHESP has 30 days after receipt of the filing in order to respond. Although the hearing may be closed, the Order of Conditions can not be written in case NHESP has conditions that must be adhered to in order to avoid an adverse effect to rare species habitat. Judy made a motion to close the hearing and write the Order of Conditions after NHESP responds to the filing. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2013

Marilyn made a motion to approve, with noted change, the August 26th meeting minutes. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

None

Review and/or Sign Payroll

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

Certificate of Compliance – 398 Groton Street – Fernando Cruz

Mr. Cruz requested a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for property he recently purchased on Groton Street. The Order of Conditions was from 2001 under the name Todd McKenna. The Commission is familiar with the property as a COC had been requested for another Order prior to Mr. Cruz acquiring the parcel. Judy made a motion to sign the COC for 398 Groton Street (DEP 147-226). Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Certificate of Compliance – 215 River Street – Eugene Wogan

Mr. Wogan sent in a request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for 215 River Street. The Order of Conditions was issued to Ken Tully back in 1999. The Commission reviewed the plan and decided that a site visit was not necessary. Judy made a motion to sign the COC for 215 River Street (DEP 147-195). Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

River's Edge Estates Discussion

Alex Wolfram, his engineer from Cuoco and Cormier and Attorney Douglas Deschenes were in attendance to discuss the option of a redesign of the River's Edge Estates project on River Street. This was a previously approved 36 lot subdivision. Mr. Wolfram explained that the redesign would have less of an impact than the currently approved project. He is proposing two cul-de-sacs, one with 14 lots and the other 24 lots. He did say that he was interested in cutting down the lots to 36 instead of the 38 currently proposed in this plan. The lot sizes would be 30,000 ft. to just over an acre. The frontage of the lots starts at 40 feet and goes up. The proposed length of the 14 lot cul-de-sac is 1,400 feet long with the larger cul-de-sac proposed as a total of approximately 3,700 feet. Attorney Deschenes asked if the Commission could, in theory, support the redesign of the project. Members felt the redesign was a better option if changes that were discussed tonight were made.

Off Pond Street Issues

145 Off Pond Street – Dominic Yezzi – Materials in Wetland/Buffer Zone

Mr. Yezzi attended the meeting at the request of the Commission. While on Off Pond Street for another matter, members noticed that there was some illegal filling of the wetlands/buffer zone across from Mr. Yezzi's property. Mr. Yezzi explained that the road across from his lot has been washing away for years. He recently paved his driveway and placed the soil across the street to slow down the erosion. The Commission explained to Mr. Yezzi that although he had good intentions, placement of fill in the wetlands/buffer zone without a permit is a violation of state statute. Currently the area is not stable and will erode rapidly dumping sand into the wetlands. The Commission told Mr. Yezzi that they will go out to the site again and determine at their next meeting what should be done to rectify the situation. A site visit is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st at 9:00am.

Off Pond Street Erosion Issue – Donald Vincent

Mr. Vincent attended the meeting to discuss another problem on Off Pond Street. He said that he created a 5" deep ditch across the road so runoff flows directly into the wetland. His neighbor keeps filling in the ditch which makes the runoff move faster,



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eroding the road quicker and bringing silt into the wetlands. Mr. Vincent currently maintains the road for the residents on Off Pond Street. The Commission decided to go out to the site Saturday, September 21st 9:15am. If the Commission decides they want the swale maintained, they will send a letter to the residents on the street explaining that Mr. Vincent will have authority to maintain the ditch. There was also mention of debris being placed in the wetlands.

Felix Shen – Boy Scout Eagle Project

Felix and his father attended the meeting to present his kiosk project for the Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT) property. Alan and Judy, members of the DRLT, stated that they support the project. Felix is hoping to finish his project this October before the ground freezes.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Jeff 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission