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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, October 16, 2013**

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

Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2013

Judy made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes of September 23rd.
Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

Bill made a motion to sign the three invoices for: certified mail, NRWA dues and
invasive control spraying. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

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

Building Permit – 252 Kemp Street

There is an active Order of Conditions on this property which has been recorded at the
Registry of Deeds. The applicant plans on building a new home and was reminded that
the order expires in June of 2014. Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to
sign the Building Permit for 252 Kemp Street.

7:35pm – Off Pond Street Diversion Ditches

In attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent from 229 Off Pond Street
A letter had gone out to all residents on Off Pond Street explaining that the
Conservation Commission asked Donald Vincent (as part of his maintenance
of Off Pond Street) to keep the ditches on the road clear of sediment. There are about
seven ditches on Off Pond Street which divert silt from entering the wetlands. After the
letters had gone out; one of the ditches near Mr. Vincent's home was filled in with
leaves. It was brought up that part of the road actually belongs to the Staples family.
According to Mr. Vincent, he was given verbal permission from the Staples to maintain
Off Pond Street. After the discussion, Alan made a motion to send a letter to the three
residents closest to the filled ditch area saying that we understand there was
on-going work negating a request by the Conservation Commission. These actions
interfere with proper drainage away from the wetland and any further work will lead to



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enforcement action. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Howard's Brook Sign

The Secretary told the Commission that there was \$75 remaining in the Howard's Brook fund. The Town Accountant would like to see that money spent on something for the property. Leah said that there was already a sign on the parcel. It was suggested that Dave Nichol may be able to deliver some wood chips for the parking area. The Commission asked the Secretary to contact Mr. Nichol and ask him to deliver as much wood chips as he can for \$75.

Certificate of Compliance – 75 Adam Street – Flewelling

Mr. Flewelling applied for a Certificate of Compliance for 75 Adam Street (Lot #15). Judy made a motion to issue the COC. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Special Permit Filing for 1054 Main Street – backland lot

The Secretary brought up that she received notice of a backland lot hearing for 1054 Main Street.

Note Board of Health Received from Tom Quinn

The Secretary told members that she had received a copy of a two page note from the Board of Health Secretary regarding "testing for possible dangerous pollutants". The note did not state the name of the road or who Mr. Quinn was accusing. Bill Moeller (member of BOH) updated Commission members by saying that the Board of Health had talked about the letter at their meeting the previous night and a response was going to be mailed to Mr. Quinn.

Preliminary Self Help Application discussion – Main Street parcel

Will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Unkety Brook Bridge

Members noticed that the bridge at Unkety Brook has been repaired. No one knows who completed the repair. Alan will call Hiroko from the Lowell Sun to see if she is interested in doing another article so members can "thank" those who completed the work.



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Proposed Medical Marijuana Moratorium

The Commission received a hearing notice from the Planning Board regarding the proposed moratorium for medical marijuana treatment centers. The Zoning hearing will be held on Monday, November 4th at 7:45pm.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:21pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission

APPROVED