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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, November 25, 2013

Approved: December 9, 2013

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

Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2013

Judy made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes of November 14th.
Juan 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. – Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion
passed unanimously.

Order of Conditions – 270 Main Street – Timothy and Deborah Miller

Judy and Leah had gone out to the site and agreed with the delineation of the wetland
line. Members discussed that although the length of the driveway is out of our
jurisdiction, they may suggest that the applicant consider a gravel driveway or partially
pave near the house. The Order of Conditions were written and signed referring to
the submitted plan: Subsurface Sewage Disposal System - #207 – Lot 5 Main Street –
dated October 1, 2013, by Norse Design Services, Inc.

Certificate of Compliance – 103 Century Way – Pauline Lohnes

Ms. Lohnes was unaware that an Order of Conditions (OOC) was placed on her
property before she purchased it. She is requesting a Certificate of Compliance to close
out the 1983 OOC. The Commission decided to have Alan and Bill go out to the site on
Saturday, December 7th at 9:00am. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chapter 61A Option – Westford Street - Flanagan

Members discussed the Flanagan's selling a 2 acre parcel of land on Westford Street
for \$155,000. The property is in Chapter thus the Town has the first right of refusal.
The Selectmen are looking for input from the Commission. Alan made a motion to send
a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that the Conservation Commission is not in a
position to purchase this parcel. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas tree Sale Signup

Members signed up for the two weeks that we will be selling Christmas trees at the



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Flat Rock Hill Conservation area and the Amos Kendall Conservation Area.

Demolition of Garage at Woods Court

Alan told members that the agencies that have been storing materials in the garage have been informed, Dig Safe was notified, National Grid was contacted to remove their equipment, the Demolition Permit was submitted to the Building Inspector and Alan is due to meet with the Finance Committee on December 2nd. If everything goes as planned, the garage will be removed in December.

The Secretary told members that she had talked with Harold West who had some concerns about vehicles driving down back and crushing a culvert. Alan posted "no motor vehicles" signs in hopes that this will take care of some of the misuse of the property.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Eagle Scout Project - Kiosk on Main Street

Alan reported that the barn cellar hole has been mostly cleared and the kiosk has been installed.

Unkety Woods Preserve – Old Munroe Tree Farm – Woods Court

Alan said that while posting signs on the property he noticed that the area would possibly be good for foresting. The Secretary checked with Celia Riechel, the "Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grand Program" coordinator to see if the Commission would be allowed to cut timber on property purchased with self-help funds. Ms. Riechel stated that *"Yes, you can cut timber on property acquired with a Self-Help/LAND grant. Important things to keep in mind are that the cut should not damage or detract from the ecological value of the property, nor should they limit, aside from the actual period of active harvesting, public recreation on the property. If you are working with a licensed forester, and with DFG, and follow a DCR-approved forest management plan, you should be in good shape."* Leah made a motion to allow Alan to contact Gary Gouldrup to look into the possibility of foresting Unkety Woods Preserve. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:58pm. Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2013, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Mann, Secretary-Dunstable Conservation Commission