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<u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, December 9, 2013</u>

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

<u>Eagle Scout Project – Main Street – Dan Faubel</u>

Dan came before the Commission for a signature on his final Eagle Scout paperwork. Members commended him on how well the project turned out. Marilyn made a motion to sign the "Service Project Report". Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Notice of Intent Hearing – 1054 Main Street – Ken Tully for Robbins Farm Realty

Hearing was opened at 7:40pm. Ken Tully (owner) and Steve Eriksen from Norse Environmental were in attendance for the hearing. DEP issued the file number 147-0287. This project lies within Natural Heritage thus there is a 30 day regulatory review period. Mr. Eriksen told members that this backland lot was currently before the Planning Board for approval. The driveway and culvert were installed in 1996 after Mr. Tully received an Order of Conditions (OOC) to build a home on the property. That OOC was recently closed by a Certificate of Compliance because work had never started within the regulatory period. Members asked Mr. Tully if he was planning on a gravel driveway. He said that the 850' driveway will be paved. It was mentioned that the Commission usually requires permeable pavement. Leah explained that the builder could use that or infiltration measures along the driveway which is what has been suggested by Mr. Eriksen. Members decided to conduct a site visit on Saturday, December 14th at 9:30am. Mr. Tully requested a continuance of his hearing which will be scheduled for Monday, January 6th at 6:30pm.

Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2013

Marilyn made a motion to approve, with noted change, the meeting minutes of November 25th. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

Alan made a motion to sign the one invoice for \$6.97. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Payroll - None

Approved: January 6, 2014



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<u>Certificate of Compliance – 103 Century Way – Pauline Lohnes</u>

Alan and Bill had gone out to the site. They noticed that there had been some gravel spread recently near the brook. Bill made a motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance for 103 Century Way but to mention in a letter to the resident that while at the site inspection, it was observed that there was gravel placed near the stream and this should not be attempted in the future without notifying the Conservation Commission. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Christmas tree Sale – December 7, 2013</u>

\$340 was taken in from the Amos Kendall Conservation Area and \$860 from the Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area. Once divided with the owner of the adjacent property on Mill Street, that left \$430 for the Commission. A total of \$770 was taken in during the first week. The Secretary will send out a reminder to those signed up for this week's sale.

Demolition of Garage at Woods Court

Alan explained that after a 3-2 vote at the Finance Committee's meeting on December 2nd, the demolition of the garage at Woods Court would need to be put off until the Spring.

December 23rd Meeting

Judy made a motion to cancel the December 23rd meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

January 13th Meeting

The Secretary told members that she is unable to make the next meeting on January 13th. Judy made a motion to move the meeting to January 6th at 6:30pm. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Possible Enforcement Order – Forest Street/Lowell Street – Dumont</u>

It has come to the attention of the Commission that there may be a violation of the Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Dunstable's Wetland Bylaw on two parcels 22-15-0 and 22-15-2 on Forest Street/Lowell Street. The violation involves fill and installing a 12" culvert. Members asked the Secretary to send a letter to the two residents asking them to attend our January 6th meeting.

<u>Alexander Estates Definitive Subdivision Plan and Special Permit – Open Space</u> <u>Development – Hall Street/Lake Street – Carolina Properties LLC</u>

The Commission reviewed the subdivision/special permit filing for the above property. They will be in attendance at the hearing on January 6th.



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Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Ray Adams - YMCA Property - Hall Street

Leah mentioned that Ray Adams from the YMCA called and they would like to tear down 3 buildings that are in disrepair and rebuild them. Leah will ask him to file a Request for Determination explaining to members their plans.

Matt Marro Director of the Tyngsboro Conservation Commission

The Secretary received a call from Matt Marro who explained that they had a "soft lockdown" in one of their schools due to someone hearing gun shots. It was determined that there was legal hunting on property owned by Fish and Wildlife in Dunstable. Mr. Marro wanted the Commission aware in case any residents called from Tyngsboro complaining about the discharge of firearms in our town. Members feel that this is between the Town of Tyngsboro and the State.

State Repair of Bridge over Salmon Brook on Main Street

Alan explained that the State held a meeting last week regarding the repair of the bridge over Salmon Brook on Main Street. There will be takings on 3 sides of the project. Alan asked members for permission to talk with Alfred Drew to see if he is still interested in selling the town the landing area as he had mentioned to Alan years ago. The Commission supports this and also gave Alan permission to forward questions he has about the project to the state.

<u>Timber Cut – Unkety Woods Preserve</u>

Alan said that the Commission will be receiving a Work Order from Gary Gouldrup to timber the Unkety Woods Preserve. Alan also talked with Pat Huckory who will get a hold of the Forester/Wildlife Habitat Developer to work with us.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. Jeff 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Secretary Dunstable Conservation Commission