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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, January 6, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair, Leah Basbanes
Members present: Bill Moeller, Judy Larter, Alan Chaney, and Jeff Haight (6:45pm)
Members absent: Juan Amodei and Marilyn Pike
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2013

Alan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes of December 9th.
Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

One invoice for \$12.22 (certified mail) was signed.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

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

Notice of Intent Hearing continuation – 1054 Main Street – Ken Tully (Robbins Farm Realty) – DEP #147-0287

Ken Tully was the only one in attendance for the hearing. Leah stated that a site visit had been done on December 14th. The Commission received a letter from Natural Heritage who finished their regulatory review and found that the project would not result in “a take”. Leah mentioned that although the Commission had no jurisdiction over the type of driveway, she would like to see it graveled. Mr. Tully said that most likely the owner will want it paved. Alan made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the project. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The Order was then written and signed by members.

Stephen and Kevin Dumont – Possible Enforcement Issue – Forest St./Lowell St.

Both Dumonts were in attendance as they had received letters from the Commission to appear before them to discuss a possible wetland violation. Leah explained that it had been reported to the Commission that work may have taken place within 100 feet of a wetland. Kevin said that he had pulled some trees out of the area that had been cut. The Commission explained that the violation they referred to was with a 2-4' deep, 200+' long ditch that looked to have materials recently removed from it. Kevin said that the ditch had always been there but that he did make it deeper. The Commission (Alan, Bill and Judy) decided to go out to the site on Saturday, January 18th at 9:00am to



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determine what, if anything had been done. Members will meet again on January 27th to discuss this further.

Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area Access – Joseph Vicek

Joe asked to address the Commission regarding winter access to the Flat Rock Hill conservation area. He said that snow placed by a neighbor made it difficult for residents to park and walk down to the property. Currently, people are walking across a neighboring parcel. Joe said that it also could be an issue with emergency vehicles that need to get down to the area. Alan said that he would talk with the neighbor about placing the snow elsewhere or pushing it back 15ft to allow for parking.

Christmas tree Sale – December 14, 2013

\$370 in total was taken in from the Amos Kendall Conservation Area and the Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area during the 2nd week. A total of \$1,260 for the two weeks was made. This was comparable to last year's total of \$1,300.

Certificate of Appreciation for Boy Scout Project on Main Street

Members signed the Certificate of Appreciation for the Main Street Boy Scout project.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Forest Cutting Plans

Leah mentioned that two Forest Cutting plans had been received by the Commission. Natural Heritage issued letters for both indicating that they would result in "a take", therefore, conditions are attached to the projects.

Timber Cut – Unkety Woods Preserve

Alan said that he didn't have any update on the proposed timber cut for Unkety Woods Preserve.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm. Judy 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary – Dunstable Conservation Commission