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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, January 27, 2014**

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

Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2014

Jeff made a motion to approve, with correction, the meeting minutes of January 6th. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

Bill made a motion to sign the one invoice for \$6.97 for certified mail. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

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

Dumont Property Site Visit – Forest Street/Lowell Street

Alan, Judy and Bill attended the site visit. Members discussed that the ditch within the buffer zone would need to be filled in, water redirected to avoid puddling, area should be stabilized and restored. A letter will go out to the Dumont's to ask them to come in to the next meeting and discuss how they will go about doing this.

2013 Annual Report

Members made modifications to the 2013 Annual Report. Alan asked that this be put on the February 10th agenda to give Judy, Leah and Marilyn time to review the changes.

2015 Budget

The Secretary noticed that two of the headings on the Finance Committee's report were incorrect. She asked members to make the changes on their copies. The Commission then reviewed the budget. Jeff made a motion to accept the 2015 Budget as presented with the heading changes. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda
Building Permit - 264 Pond Street – Michael Godin

Mr. Godin brought a building permit to the meeting for sign off by the Commission. Members reviewed the plan, saying that it looked like most of the work would be located outside the buffer zone except perhaps for some site work on a retaining wall. The Commission decided to conduct a site visit on Saturday, February 1st at 9am. Members asked the Secretary to contact Jeff Hannaford to see if he could attend the site visit to discuss the wall. Mr. Godin will be put on the agenda for the February 10th meeting.

Nashua, NH Real Estate Taxes

The annual taxes for the sliver of land the town owns near the Nashua NH border is now at \$122 per year. That is about 10% of our annual budget. Alan and Juan plan on meeting with the Tax Collector in Nashua NH to discuss whether this could be abated in the future.

Conservation Land Fund/Community Preservation Funds

Alan talked about how in previous years, before the Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted, the town would budget money that went into a Conservation Land Fund to be used for land purchases or other Conservation Commission activities. Since the CPA was approved, the town no longer funds this line item. The funds set aside for the Conservation Commission through the CPA (10%) must be voted at a Town Meeting. Alan said that the Town of Groton has voted that the Groton Conservation's 10% portion of CPA funds go directly to the Conservation Commission so they can be used immediately, without Town Meeting vote. Alan asked that this be put on our agenda for a future meeting for future discussion.

Kinder/Morgan Energy Partners – Tennessee Gas Pipeline

The Secretary told members that the Planning Board received a letter from Kinder/Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. regarding a project to lay 250 miles of a new natural gas pipeline within New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. The Secretary said that she sent an email to the company asking for a more detailed map and explanation of what they anticipate for a timeline and impact on residents of the town. Members asked that they be kept informed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm. Bill 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Mann, Secretary for the Dunstable Conservation Commission