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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, February 24, 2014**

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

Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2014

Judy made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes of the February 10th meeting. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills

No bills were presented; however, the secretary reported that she found out that the Commission gets a free year of the new on-line MACC Environmental Handbook. MACC does not offer this book in a hard copy. Members approved the \$15 expense at the last meeting. The Secretary will turn the check back in to the Accountant.

Review and/or Sign Payroll

The Secretary's payroll was signed.

Nashua Real Estate Tax Letter

At the last meeting, members asked the Secretary to send a letter to the Board of Alderman, Mayor and Assessor's office in the City of Nashua regarding the real estate taxes on a small strip of property we own in Nashua, NH. The Secretary told members that after talking with our Assessor, she suggested that the secretary call before sending the letter because she believed someone may have accidentally changed the tax code and this could be cleared up over the phone. When the Secretary called the Assessor's office to ask why we are being charged property taxes when we are a tax exempt non profit in the State of Massachusetts, Louise Brown from the Nashua Assessors said that New Hampshire does not have a law that exempts Conservation Commissions from taxes. The Secretary then sent the letter as instructed by the Commission. Since the letter was sent on February 20th, it was decided to wait two weeks before pursuing this further.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

10 Lake Circle – Board of Appeals Hearing

The Secretary brought up the hearing scheduled this Thursday for 10 Lake Circle. The



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owner wants to raze the existing dwelling and build a new one but needs a variance because of setbacks. Members asked if the new house would be on the same footprint as the existing structure. The Secretary will see what she can find out for the Board of Appeals and report back to members.

Department of Environmental Protection Letter

The Secretary brought up the letter from DEP regarding the repair of the Salmon Book Bridge on Main Street. Copies were e-mailed to members earlier.

Christmas Tree Money

Alan mentioned that he would like to see the wall at the Best Triangle Rte. 113 side cleaned up. That would entail removing some large trees and brush. The Secretary will get an update from the Town Accountant on what funds are available to spend for this project.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Juan 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission