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**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, September 22 2014**

Approved: October 14, 2014

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

**Conservation Restriction (CR) – 194 Main Street – 53.72 acres - Judy Larter**

Judy recused herself from her position on the Commission to present a Conservation Restriction on 53.72 acres of property she owns on Main Street. The Dunstable Civic Trust will be the holders of the CR with the Conservation Commission listed as the successors if the Trust ceases to function. Alan Chaney filed a field inspection report after walking the property with Bill Moeller, Jeff Haight and Judy. Marilyn made a motion that the Conservation Commission approve and accept the position of successor to the Grantee for the Conservation Restriction. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed with Judy abstaining from the vote.

**Salt Shed Discussion – Board of Road Commissioners**

Mike Martin and Dana Kinne attended the meeting to discuss the placement of the temporary salt shed at the Highway Garage on Pleasant Street. Alan and Leah had been out to the site prior to the meeting. Leah told members that the closest edge of the shed was 38 feet from the wetlands. Our bylaw states no permanent structure may be within 60 feet of a wetland. Mike reiterated that the structure will be temporary and cannot be moved forward due to the high tension wires. The Commission decided that they would go out as a group on Saturday morning at 9:00am to view the area. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Stone Arch Bridge**

After the salt shed discussion, members brought up that someone had used an excavator to break a beaver dam causing damage to the area. Permission to breach the dam was given by the Board of Health; however, the Conservation Commission was never notified of the work that was going to be done. The Commission and Highway Department agreed to meet at the Stone Arch Bridge the following morning to see what needed to be done to rectify the situation.



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### **Chris Chisholm – Discussion on Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR)**

Chris Chisholm, Field Representative for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural

Resources (MDAR), asked to meet with the Commission regarding support of a potential APR on 31 acres of property owned by Mr. Tully. Ms. Chisholm told members that although MDAR covers a good portion of the cost of the APR there would be a 44% shortfall in funding which she is hoping the town would be able to cover. It was mentioned that there may be money available through the Community Preservation Act funds. Jeff made a motion to support the APR procurement for the Tully property and for the use of CPA funds for the town's portion. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2014**

Bill made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review and/or Sign Bills and Payroll**

An invoice for membership, mowing and the Secretary's payroll were signed.

### **E-Mail from Resident on Flat Rock Hill Maintenance**

No update

### **Special Permit Filing – Board of Selectmen – Gravel Removal – Carolina Prop.**

The Secretary brought up the Special Permit filing from Carolina Properties for the removal of gravel from the Alexander Estates subdivision. A hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission said they had no comment as long as the work being done wasn't within 100 feet of the wetland on the property.

### **Special Town Meeting Warrant Article Update**

The Secretary reported that the Board of Selectmen are meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at which time they will discuss the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting.

### **October 13, 2014 Meeting**

The Secretary mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, a holiday. Alan made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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**Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda**

**Bob Ricardelli – Kinder Morgan Tennessee Pipeline Information**

Bob had attended the Northeast Municipal Gas Coalition meeting earlier in the day. He handed out copies of Eugene Benson's MACC presentation. The papers explain the role of Conservation Commissions in this process. Bob encouraged members to get involved by inventorying conservation lands, reviewing restrictions and by commenting during the review process.

**Timber Update**

Alan told members that he had walked the Unkety Woods Preserve with forester Gary Gouldrup and figures that approximately 130,000 feet of timber would be taken from the area with a net profit of roughly \$11,000-\$12,000. This will be a chipping operation, going out to bid in 2-3 weeks with a November to March timeline.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary  
Dunstable Conservation Commission