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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2015

Approved: February 23, 2015

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

Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2014

Juan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the meeting minutes of the December 8th meeting. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Bills and Payroll

Bill made a motion to sign invoices for office supplies and a MACC workshop as well as the Secretary's payroll. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas tree Sale Results

The Secretary reported that the Commission took in a total of \$990 during the two Saturdays of the tree sale. Members discussed that with the trees at Flat Rock getting too large it may be time to turn the area back into pasture land. It was mentioned that local landscaping companies may possibly be interested in digging up the large trees for \$20/per tree.

Tully APR Update

Alan reported that he plans on stopping by the Planning Board meeting next week as well as a future Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meeting to seek support for the Tully Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR).

545 Forest Street – Habeshian - Letter to Homeowner

Leah stated that she went by 545 Forest Street and it appears that the homeowner has removed 85% of the fill that was brought in.

Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report

Juan made a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Report. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Department of Environmental Protection – New Regulations

The Secretary asked the Chair if she should schedule a Regulatory Revision Workshop for members on the changes to the Wetland Protection Act Regulations. Leah said that that was not necessary because the sections that were updated were on routine highway maintenance and emergency storms which members were already familiar with.

Vote to Transfer Christmas tree Funds

Bill made a motion to ask the Board of Selectmen to support a warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting to transfer \$990 from this year's tree sale from the general fund to the Conservation Fund.

Vote to Transfer Unkety Woods Timber Money

Alan made a motion to ask the Board of Selectmen to support a warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting to transfer \$12,666.59 of timber money cut from the Conservation's Unkety Woods Preserve from the general fund to the Conservation Fund.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Kiosk Information – Stone Arch Bridge and Flat Rock Hill

The Secretary provided information to go on the kiosks at the Flat Rock Hill Conservation area and the Stone Arch Bridge Conservation area. The Commission approved the materials.

Fish and Wildlife

Alan reported that the Department of Fish and Wildlife has picked up approximately 296 acres either in or abutting Dunstable with another 50 or so acres expected from the Chapman Street project.

Miller Property – Main Street

Alan told members that there has been discussion about purchasing in fee the Miller property on Main Street which encompasses 7+/- acres which include a field and pond. Alan said that an appraisal needs to be prepared on the property and that the Land Trust voted to appropriate \$1,250 towards that cost. Bill made a motion to have the appraisal done on the Miller property with the bulk of the cost paid for by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust. Jeff 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



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Drummey Parcel

Alan mentioned that the .197 acre Drummey parcel has been given to the Conservation Commission and the deed has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds. He said that a sign should be erected stating that the property was once owned and donated by Doc and Harriet Messier estate.

Wetland Protection Act Funds

Alan asked that members consider using Wetland Protection Act funds to pay for surveying certain Conservation Commission parcels. Alan then moved to spend up to \$10,000 of Wetland Protection Act funds on surveying Conservation Commission parcels containing significant wetlands. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Jeff 2nd the motion - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2014, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission