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Conservation Commission Minutes Monday, March 23, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair Leah Basbanes

Members present: Bill Moeller, Marilyn Pike, Alan Chaney, Judy Larter and Jeff Haight

Members absent: Juan Amodei

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall- 511 Main Street-lower level- Grange Room

<u>Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2015</u>

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

Review and/or Sign Bills and Payroll

Alan made a motion to sign the Secretary's payroll. Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Revised Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

The interim Town Manager revised the Commission's budget by adjusting the Office Supply line item.

Tully Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) – Alan Chaney

Alan told members that the Boards he has spoken to support the Tully APR. He plans on attending the Finance Committee meeting later tonight and a future Agricultural Committee meeting in order to seek their support. Alan asked that members be ready to explain the difference between Chapter 61, Chapter 61A and APRs as there seems to be confusion on the part of residents he has talked with. Bill made a motion to put something in the Neighbor to Neighbor for the May issue. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan will write something up for the Secretary to forward to Anne Paquin.

<u>Miller Property Appraisal Update – Alan Chaney</u>

Alan reported that Ellen Anderson should have the appraisal completed any day now. Once received, Alan will meet with the Miller's to discuss whether they are interested in selling the property in fee or placing a Conservation Restriction on the parcel. Alan went on to say that the Community Preservation Committee met and unanimously agreed to support the project with CPA funding. The Commission will be applying for a Self-Help grant from the state as well as using timber money and fundraising. Alan will

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put something in the Neighbor to Neighbor letting residents know about our efforts to preserve this important parcel.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

<u>River Street – Pelletier Property</u>

Alan's told members that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) will be presenting an article at the Annual Town Meeting to replenish the survey account for the Pelletier property. Alan told the BOS that the Conservation Commission would delineate the wetlands in order to save the town money.

Goss Farm

The Secretary told members that Wes Goss stopped by the Town Hall to make them aware that he would be putting up another greenhouse next to his existing one on Pleasant Street. Leah said that the activity is agricultural and therefore exempt.

Solar Project on George's Landfill

Bill Moeller and Judy Larter showed interest in representing the Conservation Commission at the meeting on Monday, March 30th to discuss the solar farm on the George's Landfill.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. Jeff 2nd the motion - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Secretary Dunstable Conservation Commission