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**Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2015**

Approved: December 28, 2015

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

Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2015

Jeff made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the November 16th meeting. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll - None

Christmas Tree Sale

\$635 was made on Saturday, December 5th at the annual Christmas tree "Cut your Own" sale at the Amos Kendall Conservation Area. \$425 was made on Saturday, December 12th for a total of \$1,060 over the two weeks. Bill brought up that someone brought in a chain saw to cut down a tree. Members discussed that they have never allowed chain saws because of the potential for liability to the town. The Commission provides hand saws for use.

Discussion on Moving Meeting Time – Will be put on a future agenda.

Update on Miller Conservation Restriction

No update. The state has not released the list of projects approved for state funding. The Commission is hoping that they will soon hear if the Miller CR project was chosen.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

December 28th Meeting

There will be a quorum available for the December 28th meeting, however, members did discuss that if there aren't any agenda items scheduled by December 23rd, the meeting may be cancelled.

Christopher Dahlberg – Project at Spaulding Proctor

Jeff told members that Mr. Dahlberg completed the bridge project at the Spaulding Proctor Reservation. Jeff asked that the Commission write a letter to send to Christopher that will satisfy his community service requirement. Bill made a motion to have the secretary write a letter. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Special Permit Notification – Rosemarie Russell – Thorndike Street

The Commission received a Special Permit Notification from the Planning Board (PB) which will create two backland lots on Thorndike Street for Rosemarie Russell. The PB asked for the Commission's review of the filing. Members discussed that a portion of the property is under a Conservation Restriction (CR). The restriction was reviewed and the Commission would like Town Engineer Jeff Rider and Town Counsel Rich Larkin to weigh in on the CR especially the statement "*No further subdivision or use of the property for the purpose of calculating density in connection with the development of adjacent properties*" which is part of the CR.

Maps/Information on Kiosks at Stone Arch Bridge and Flat Rock Hill

The Secretary told members that she put maps, pictures and information on the kiosks at the Stone Arch Bridge and the Flat Rock Hill Conservation area.

Off Pond Street – Possible Violation

The Commission was notified earlier in the day that a resident on Off Pond Street was excavating a large quantity of dirt which may be near wetlands. A member will go out to the site to see if a violation has occurred.

2015 Annual Report

The Secretary handed out the draft 2015 Annual Report for the Commission to review and edit. Once completed, it will be voted on at the January 11th meeting.

Stone Arch Bridge – Kiosk Glass

Alan took the vandalized door from the kiosk at Stone Arch Bridge to have the glass replaced. Bill made a motion to reimburse Alan for approximately \$45. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Ron McLoon

Alan mentioned that with the passing of Ron McLoon, the Dunstable Rural Land Trust will be taking over the property (Mr. McLoon had a life estate) which includes 100 acres, two houses and a barn.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, 2nd, passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2015, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary, Dunstable Conservation Commission