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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2016

Approved: January 25, 2016

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

10 Lake Circle – Carolyn Cullip – Work Done on Lake Front

Mr. and Mrs. Cullip from 10 Lake Circle attended the meeting at the request of the Commission. Alan explained to members that he made a visit to the property after receiving word that the Cullips were conducting work in/near the lake. The Cullips removed organic material from the lake and placed it near their garden/retaining wall. Since the work had already been completed, Alan asked the Cullips to install a silt fence to keep the spoil from migrating into the lake and meet with the Conservation Commission for further instruction. The owners stated they didn't realize that they were working in a protected resource area. After the discussion, Alan made a motion to close the enforcement with the understanding that no additional activity is to take place on the property without contacting the Conservation Commission. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Off Pond Street – Dillon/Yezzi – Possible Violation

Jeff Hannaford from Norse Design was in attendance with Ms. Dillon regarding a notice that she received about work being done without a permit. Jeff stated that he was hired by 175 and 179 Off Pond Street and had surveyed and conducted soil testing on the properties with the intention of going in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for approval to tear down existing structures and building new homes on the lots. The owners of the properties believed that since work they were doing was out of the 100 foot buffer zone, they weren't committing an offense. The Commission explained that there may be jurisdictional wetlands on the other side of the road within 100 feet of the work that was done. Jeff told members that they will be submitting a formal filing after ZBA approval. The Commission asked for the following: 1) flag the wetlands across the street, 2) add hay bales to stop possible erosion 3) prepare a Notice of Intent 4) no additional work can be done.

Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2015

Bill made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the December 28th meeting. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Bills and Payroll

One bill was signed for certified mail. No payroll.

Fiscal Year 2016 Expense Report

The Secretary handed out the current expenditure sheet for fiscal year 2016 for review.

Miller Conservation Restriction LAND Grant Update

The Secretary told members that she had the "project agreement" for members to sign. The agreement as well as the "Standard Contract" and "Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing" must be returned to the state by January 31st. The Secretary will get them in the mail this week. The Secretary e-mailed the Land Use and Management Plan to members earlier in the day for review.

Westford Street Conservation Restriction Update

Alan abstained from the discussion on the Westford Street Conservation Restriction. The Secretary told members that packets had been dropped off for the Community Preservation Committee for the January 20th meeting. Leah will attend the meeting to explain the project and request the \$255,000 in funds. If approved, an article will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

John Livingston – Regarding 10 Lake Circle

Mr. Livingston asked to address the Commission regarding his neighbors at 10 Lake Circle. He said that they cleared a lot of trees, stumps and bushes near the lake. The silt that was removed from the lake is not far from his well and he is concerned about mercury run off. He also stated that they installed a dock where there wasn't one before and without a permit. Leah explained that the Commission should have been notified about the work they wanted to do but it may have been allowed anyway. The resident was called before the Commission and they now know that they can't do work within 100 feet without notifying the Conservation Commission. Members will look into the dock.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, Marilyn 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann - Secretary, Dunstable Conservation Commission