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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2016

Approved: April 25, 2016

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

Notice of Intent Hearing – 157 Forest Street – Mitchell/Lehtinen

Leah opened the hearing at 7:31pm. Bill and Kathy Mitchell were in attendance along with Jeff Hannaford from Norse Design Services. The property is located at the corner of Main and Forest Streets. The lot is 4 acres. There is 200 feet of frontage on Main Street; however, access to the lot will be from a 40 foot entrance on Forest Street. There are wetlands on both the Main Street frontage and the Forest Street entrance. A 1,400 square foot replication area is proposed to be completed at the time of the wetland crossing. They plan on transplanting the on-site vegetation to the replication area and/or use a wetland seed mix. Most of the house and septic are out of the buffer zone. The house is a single level dwelling with crushed stone on the side of the driveway to collect runoff. For the wetland crossing, porous pavement will be placed so water can infiltrate through the driveway. Bill suggested that they direct the pipe outlet to the replication area so it feeds hydrology to the area. Members decided to go out and see the site. They asked that the proposed corners of the house be staked. No DEP file number has been received. The applicant's representative requested a continuance which was accepted by the Commission. The hearing was continued to April 25th at 7:30pm. Leah and Jeff will go out to the site this week. Alan, Bill and Judy will meet on Saturday, April 16th at 10am.

Request for Extension of Order of Condition – Massapoag Rod & Gun

Barbara Blanco was in attendance to request an extension of an Order of Conditions for the Massapoag Rod & Gun Club. Jeff made a motion to approve the request for the use of harvesting equipment on Lake Massapoag through May 29, 2019 under DEP File # 147-0283. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Alcorn

Resident Paul Alcorn was in attendance as he has shown an interest in potentially becoming an Associate Member of the Commission.



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Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2016

Jeff made a motion to approve, as amended by Bill Moeller, the minutes of the March 28th meeting. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll

Bill made a motion to sign the invoice for Ellen Anderson and the secretary's payroll. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with Alan abstaining from the vote.

Certificate of Compliance (COC) – 583 Pleasant Street – American Tower

American Tower requested a Certificate of Compliance for 583 Pleasant Street for work associated with the 2001 installation of a cell tower. Members will go out to the site before issuing the COC. The Secretary will notify the owners of the property; the Riopelle's that members will be out on Saturday, April 16th.

Master Plan Committee

The Secretary told members that the Town Administrator is looking for a Conservation Commission member to be part of the Master Plan Committee. Alan made a motion that Leah be the Commission's representative. Jeff amended Alan's motion by adding that Alan be the alternate representative. Judy 2nd both motions. Motions passed unanimously.

Miller Conservation Restriction LAND Grant Update

Alan and Jeff used Juan's GPS and took pictures of the site. Alan will check with Attorney Larkin to ask about a closing date and finishing the Conservation Restriction.

Westford Street Conservation Restriction Update

Alan left the room for the discussion. The Secretary brought up that the amounts have changed for the Annual Town Meeting so an additional \$3,431.76 is needed from the Town Forest account for a total of \$18,631.76 (original vote of \$15,200). Judy made a motion that \$18,631.76 be used from the Town Forest account to pay for the Westford Street CR. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan was asked to rejoin the meeting.

Odor on Main Street - McGovern Property

Alan told members that he spoke to George McGovern regarding the drainage from his feed lot area. George told Alan that he has scheduled a meeting with Dan Lenthall for April 15th.



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Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Jeff Hannaford – 175 Off Pond Street/179 Off Pond Street – Dillon/Yezzi

Back in January the Commission asked the owners of 175 and 179 Off Pond Street to cease all activities they were conducting within the wetlands/buffer zone. At a meeting on January 11th, the owners were asked to flag the wetlands, put up hay bales and prepare a Notice of Intent. Jeff asked the Commission if the homeowners could move some fill in order to park cars on their site. Leah asked Mr. Hannaford to send her a plan so she could see the area affected before going out to the site. This will be decided at the next meeting.

Removal of Trees

Jeff told members that he will be meeting with Dave Nichol regarding removal of a tree at the Stone Arch Bridge and on the Tobey property.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm, Motion 2nd. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission