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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2016

Approved: May 23, 2016

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

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

Alan reopened the continuation of the hearing for 157 Forest Street at 7:33pm. Applicant Bill Mitchell and Jeff Hannaford from Norse Design Services were in attendance. Members had previously gone out to the site. Mr. Hannaford said that he adjusted the plan to show the buffer zone as requested by member Leah Basbanes and made the culvert changes Bill Moeller mentioned at the last meeting. Mr. Hannaford also explained that although Leah had recommended that the replication area be moved, he showed members that there is only 10 feet of area near wetland flag #3. The Commission agreed to keep the replication as shown on the plan. Mr. Hannaford said that he reduced the 4 foot crushed stone on each side of the driveway to 2 feet. Mr. Hannaford stated further that he felt the 12 foot wide driveway was reasonable within the 40 foot right of way. The owner of the property is opposed to a gravel driveway (mentioned by the Commission) but is willing to use porous pavement the entire length of the driveway instead of just near the wetland crossing as was mentioned at the April 11th meeting. Alan asked about the maintenance of porous pavement. Mr. Hannaford said maintenance includes vacuuming once a year. The Commission decided that they would approve the use of porous pavement if the applicant agrees to maintain the driveway (including vacuuming) and forward a letter once a year to the office that says he has fulfilled this requirement by the Commission. Marilyn made a motion to close the hearing and issue a Certificate of Compliance with the above condition. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout Project – Wiley Krishnaswamy

Mr. Krishnaswamy attended the meeting to propose an idea for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to clear an existing trail from Pond Street to Larter Field and publish a map. Members decided to meet with Mr. Krishnaswamy on Saturday, April 30th at 11am at the Larter Field off Groton Street to view the area.

Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016

Judy made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the April 11th meeting.



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Marilyn 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll

No bills to sign. Marilyn made a motion to sign the secretary's payroll. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

May 9th Meeting

Since the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th, the Commission decided to meet on Tuesday, May 10th in order to discuss the Main Street Project. Members asked that the Secretary push off agenda items that can wait till the May 23rd meeting.

Pond Street 61A Option to Purchase – Myers

The Commission discussed the Notice of Intent to sell 61A property on Pond Street. Members asked the Secretary to inform the Board of Selectmen that they do not have an interest in the purchase of the property.

Main Street – Possible Violation of Wetlands Protection Act

An anonymous caller left a message that there may be work being done on Main Street in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. Alan, Jeff and Bill will go out to the site.

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

Bill went out to the site and without a copy of the Order of Conditions, if there is one; Bill couldn't be sure what had been approved when the original garage business went in at 583 Pleasant Street. There may be a violation; however, it is not with the American Tower monopole. Members decided to issue the COC at the next meeting. Alan, Jeff and Bill will go out on Tuesday to view the site.

Miller Conservation Restriction LAND Grant Update

Attorney Larkin called before the meeting and plans on stopping by tonight with the Conservation Restriction for members to sign. Alan and Jeff will verify GPS numbers and Alan will continue to work on the Management Plan. Attorney Larkin is aware of the June 1st deadline.

Westford Street Conservation Restriction Update

The Secretary said that the LAND grant information has been posted to the website.

Conservation Restrictions (CR)

Attorney Larkin arrived with four Conservation Restrictions for the Commission to



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sign. These CRs must be completed and approved before receiving the LAND grant funds for the Miller CR. Attorney Larkin will send them on to the state for approval.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Building Permit – 10 Lake Circle - Cullips

Mrs. Cullip was in attendance seeking a signature on a Building Permit for 10 Lake Circle. An Order of Conditions had been filed at the Registry of Deeds for this property. Mrs. Cullip was reminded to call the office once the erosion control was installed (before construction). Bill made a motion to sign the Building Permit. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Hannaford mentioned that at the last meeting, he brought up 175 and 179 Off Pond Street, requesting that they be able to move some fill in order to park cars on their sites. Mr. Hannaford said that he has since delineated the area across the street as suggested by the Commission. The pile of stumps blocking the properties are outside the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, therefore, members were fine with them being relocated.

Building Permit – 445 River Street – Potvin

Mr. Potvin attended the meeting to have a Building Permit signed by the Commission. The property is located on River Street, one of the four McGovern lots. There isn't an Order of Conditions on the property. Motion was made, second and passed unanimously to sign the permit.

Removal of Tree

Jeff told members that he met with Dave Nichol regarding removal of a tree at the Stone Arch Bridge. He was given a price of \$300 to drop the tree and an additional \$500 for removal. Jeff in the meantime talked with the Nashua DPW Arborist who will look at the property as it is actually located in New Hampshire.

Lowell Street – Possible Violation of Wetlands Protection Act

It was brought up that there looked to be activity going on behind a home on Lowell Street that could possibly be in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. Alan, Jeff and Bill will go out to the site on Tuesday.



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Bear Hill Estates Plans – Larter Lane

Members reviewed the plans for Bear Hill Estates. They asked that the Secretary notify the Planning Board that although there doesn't seem to be wetlands involved with the construction, if the applicant plans on working within the 100 foot buffer zone, they must file with the Commission.

Tully Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR)

Alan told members that he heard from Chris Chisholm that the Tully APR should be wrapped up by the end of June.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm, Marilyn 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission