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Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Approved: May 23, 2016

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

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

Members absent: Juan Amodei

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

Discussion with Mr. Joseph Silva, 264 Lowell Street about Enforcement Order

The commission discussed with Mr. Silva about the encroachment on the wetlands in the back of his property. A site visit to the property had shown trees cut in the wetlands and buffer area as well as some soil disturbance and a few stumps pushed into the wetlands. Mr. Silva said he is the new owner of the property and had done some work on the property while there was some snow on the ground, not knowing the full extent of the wetlands. He told the commission he had contacted the NRC (Natural Resource Conservancy) and spoke with Liz Maguire about coming out to see his property and help him develop a plan for the property use. Leah asked him to delineate the wetlands and contact the commission when it had been done. Mr. Silva was agreeable to this and also mentioned he wanted to eventually use the upland on the back of his property beyond the wetlands. The commission said that delineating the wetlands would be the first step and then come back to us with a future plan.

Discussion with Garry and Jane Mathews, 250 Lowell Street about wetlands encroachment

The commission brought up the possible encroachment on the wetlands on the back of the Mathew's property. A site visit to their neighbor's property at 264 Lowell Street allowed members to see some possible pushing of some manure/yard waste on the edge of the wetlands. It was discussed that perhaps their wetlands could be delineated while their neighbor, Mr. Silva was having his done. Alan mentioned that it is best to know exactly where the wetlands edge is so that there would not be any violations in the future. The Mathews were willing to work to be sure there were no violations in the future.

Ken Tully – Certificate of Compliance and Building Permit

After a brief discussion, Leah made a motion to sign the Certificates of Compliance on lots 147-0173 and 147-0239 on Robbins Farm Road. The motion was seconded by Marilyn and passed unanimously. Ken also asked for the commission to sign a building permit for lot 15 on Robbins Farm Road. Alan made a motion to sign the permit. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



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Riopelle Property wetlands encroachment

There was a brief discussion about tabling any action on possible wetlands encroachment at the Riopelle property until next meeting.

Bill Moeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Alan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Haight
Dunstable Conservation Commission Member