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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2016

Approved: September 12, 2016

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

Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2016

Alan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the July 25th meeting.
Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Alan made a motion to sign off on \$429.00 worth of invoices as well as the Secretary's payroll. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

264 Lowell Street – Enforcement

It has been three months since the resident at 264 Lowell Street was asked to delineate wetlands on his property after it was discovered that he had cut trees in a jurisdictional area. An Enforcement Order had been filed against him and he was told to notify the Commission once the wetlands were delineated. A member drove by the site stopping to check on the progress. Shortly after, the resident called the office requesting that Commission members knock on the door when they come out to the property to notify them of their presence. He also told the Secretary that he had the wetlands flagged. Members asked the Secretary to have the property owner provide a report from the wetlands consultant that flagged the area.

Capital Planning Request Form

The Secretary brought up the Capital Planning Request form that the Town Administrator asked to be returned to her by September 1st. Members discussed the current project that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting (Westford Street CR) but other than that, do not know of any other capital expenditures at this time.

"Wildlife Crossing" Signs

The Secretary told members that she received permission from the Board of Selectmen to place eight wildlife signs at four locations in town. The approved expense will be paid out of the Wetland Protection Act funds.



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Miller Street CR Grant

The Secretary reported that \$166,500 was received by the Treasurer for reimbursement of the Miller CR.

Westford Street CR Application Update

The Secretary told members that Leah met with Robert O'Connor at the Westford Street site. She said he seemed impressed with the property however indicated that there is a fair amount of competition.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Wetland Bylaw

Leah mentioned that she had been contacted by a resident regarding a shed they would like placed within the 60 foot buffer zone. Leah asked the Commission for clarification on whether a shed built on blocks would be considered different than one on a concrete pad. If on blocks, water could flow underneath the shed. Members agreed but asked that the shed be placed as far from the wetlands as possible.

Woods Parcel

Alan reported that Ellen Anderson was contacted to do an appraisal of the Woods parcel paid for by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust. He asked that the Secretary give Ellen the names/phone numbers for the Woods family and to contact Attorney Brian Falk to start work on the deed to donate this piece of property to the Conservation Commission.

Informational Book on Conservation Properties

Members discussed working on a booklet that would list Conservation properties along with history, pictures and maps of various parcels.

Motion made, 2nd and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2016, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary - Dunstable Conservation Commission