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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, September 12, 2016**

Approved: September 26, 2016

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

Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2016

Alan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the August 8th meeting.
Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

No bills were submitted. Leah made a motion to sign the Secretary's two payroll slips.
Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

18 Massapoag Way – Tree Removal near Lake

Jeff reported that he went out to the site at the request of the homeowner to assess two pine trees near the lake that she would like to remove. Jeff said that the trees are bending over and could be in danger of falling. Members told the Secretary to send a letter to the homeowner that she may remove the two trees and grind the stumps (cannot remove them as they stabilize area).

Order of Conditions Extension – Woodland Road - Ken Tully

Mr. Tully submitted a letter requesting an extension of the Order of Conditions for Woodland Road. Members discussed that the original order was ten years ago and they would like Mr. Tully to finish the project within the next year and request his Certificate of Compliance. Juan disagreed with a one year extension, suggesting two years to give Mr. Tully a bit more time to finish the project. Judy made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for one year. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with Juan opposing.

Certificate of Compliance – 200 Pond Street – Bob Hopke

Mr. Hopke requested a Certificate of Compliance for a 1988 Order of Conditions (147-89) on his property. The applicant at the time was Eric Goldthwaite and the Order was to build the residence. Alan made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Certificates of Compliance – 1010 Main Street – Urban

Joanne from Attorney Sheila Harrington's office called to request Certificates of Compliance for Orders that were issued in 1980 and 1982. The applicant at the time, James Urban, did not request the Certificates back 25 years ago. The work was for gravel removal and a pond across the street from the home. Alan made a motion to issue the Certificates of Compliances for 147-18 and 147-31. July 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Westford Street Grant Application Update

No update – The Commission should hear from the state in November.

264 Lowell Street – Enforcement - Silva

Mr. Silva was sent an Enforcement Order in May 2016 when it was discovered that he was working within the wetland/buffer zone without a permit from the Conservation Commission. He was instructed to have his wetlands delineated and to contact the office before continuing any work. In July, the Commission asked for an update. Mr. Silva called the office and said that the wetlands had been flagged. In August, members asked him to send a copy of his report to the office. He called the Secretary to explain that his wetlands were flagged by Steven Eriksen at Norse Environmental Services and he would request a copy of the report to forward to the Conservation office. To date, no report has been received. Recently, a member drove by the site and noticed that additional work may have been done near the wetlands. Members asked the Secretary to send a letter to the resident letting him know that they would like to meet him on site on September 24th to review the delineation of the wetlands.

Dunstable General Wetlands Bylaw

After discussing a few changes that members would like made to the Wetlands Bylaw, it was decided that Leah, Bill and Cheryl would work on the changes. Once completed, the changes will be forwarded to members for review before a hearing is set up.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

473 Pond Street – Review of Erosion Control

Mr. Longo called the office on September 7th requesting that someone from the Conservation Commission review the erosion control at 473 Pond Street. The Secretary sent out a request. Jeff said that he would go out and review the erosion control.



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Master Plan Meeting

Judy mentioned that there will be a Master Plan meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm to discuss Land Use. She requested that members of the Commission attend.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Secretary told members that the Open Space and Recreation Plan will be expiring in December of 2017.

Motion made, 2nd and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.
The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2016, 7:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission

APPROVED