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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2016

Approved: November 14, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Jeff Haight
Members present: Marilyn Pike, Leah Basbanes, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter, Alan Chaney and Juan Amodei
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2016

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26th meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. Juan then questioned e) on page two asking for clarification on how close to the pond the resident could go. After discussion, Juan made a motion to change e) to read “You may not use power machines anywhere in the pond”. Leah 2nd his motion. –motion to change passed unanimously as did approval of the minutes with change.

Bills/Payroll

No bills were submitted. Alan made a motion to sign the Secretary’s payroll. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Special Permit Form – Two Backland Lots – Pond Street

The Secretary brought up that the Planning Board will be holding a Special Permit hearing for two backland lots on Pond Street. Alan said that there are wetlands on both lots. The Commission asked the Secretary to inform the Planning Board that the applicant should flag the wetlands if he hasn’t already done so, and that he may need to file a Determination or a Notice of Intent if work is to be done in the wetland buffer.

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

The Secretary handed out copies of the fiscal year 2018 budget sent by the Town Administrator. Alan made a motion to approve the budget and file it with the Town Administrator. Judy 2nd the motion. – Motion approved unanimously.

Town Clerk’s Acknowledgement of Receipt – Ethics Information

The Secretary reminded members that they had received a copy of the yearly ethics information from the Town Clerk. She handed out the receipt of Acknowledgement for members to sign.



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2016 Christmas Tree Sale

Alan and Jeff will go out to see if there are trees that can be sold this December on the Amos Kendall Conservation area.

10 Lake Circle Erosion Control – Cullip

Bill reported that he had gone out to the site, the erosion control was placed correctly, and he told that to the homeowner.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

3 Lower Dam Way – Possible Chapter 91 Waterways Violation

The Secretary received a ruling from Town Counsel that “he doesn’t believe the Town has authority to raise any Chapter 91 enforcement matters”. The homeowner did not file a Notice of Intent for the dock because at the time the permit was given by the state, the dock was grandfathered. Back in 2007, residents on Massapoag Pond were asked to file for permits for their existing docks. Anyone having issue now with dock permitting should contact the Chapter 91 agency.

Environmental Notification Form – Bear Hill Estates

Whitman and Bingham Associates filed on behalf of the Maguire’s, an Environmental Notification Form due to the project site being in an Estimated and/or Priority Habitat of State-Listed Rare Species; namely Blanding’s Turtles.

Judy made a motion to close the meeting at 7:03pm. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Conservation Commission