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**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**

Approved: November 28, 2016

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

**Occupancy Permit – 10 Lake Circle - Cullip**

Ms. Cullip called earlier in the day asking to be placed on the 11/28 agenda.

**Building Permit – 179 Off Pond Street – Yezzi**

Ms. Yezzi attended the meeting to request a signature on a building permit for 179 Off Pond Street. There is an Order of Conditions that has been filed at the Registry of Deeds. The building has not been demolished. The Commission reminded Ms. Yezzi to install erosion control before demolition. Alan made a motion to sign the permit. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2016**

Alan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills/Payroll**

No bills or payroll were submitted

**2016 Christmas Tree Sale**

Alan and Jeff went out to the Amos Kendall Conservation area and told members that there aren't enough good trees to hold the tree sale. The Administrative Assistant will put a notice on the town website.

**Westford Street Grant Application Update**

No update

**Wild & Scenic Nashua River Designation**

Judy asked for help in coming up with a list of outstanding resource values of cultural or historical significance in town. What makes Dunstable unique? Ideas included:



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farmland on Unkety Brook, St. Anselm's house, two houses on River Street that go back to the Revolutionary era, the Rail Trail, Glacial lake, Blandings turtles and the Grinding Stone.

### **Dunstable General Wetlands Bylaw**

Leah and Cheryl will plan on working on this in December.

### **Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda**

#### **Property on Pleasant Street – Possible Conservation Restriction**

Alan was contacted by a homeowner on Pleasant Street that may be interested in placing a Conservation Restriction (CR) on 11 acres across from his residence. He asked if the Conservation Commission would be interested in purchasing the restriction. Alan said that Hawk Brook runs through the property. The land is good agricultural property and had been the site of a saw mill. The property is targeted due to its location abutting the Town Forest. The parcel has historical, aesthetic, water and agricultural value. The property may be subdivided into four buildable lots. Alan said that an appraisal would give members the information needed to make a decision and that the Commission could request the appraisal funds from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Judy made a motion to request funding from the CPC. Motion was then withdrawn as discussion turned to what the landowner would want for the parcel. Juan suggested that Alan get confirmation from the landowner that he is interested in selling the property.

#### **Lowell Street – Japp Property**

Alan told members that there will be an ANR presented at the next Planning Board meeting to subdivide a parcel into six lots on Lowell Street. He believes the property lies within Natural Heritage. The land abuts Fish and Game and there is a substantial amount of wetlands that run through each lot.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2016, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary - Dunstable Conservation Commission