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<u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, March 13, 2017</u>

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Jeff Haight

Members present: Juan Amodei, Bill Moeller, Judy Larter, Alan Chaney and Marilyn Pike Member absent: Leah Basbanes and Administrative Assistant Cheryl Mann

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

Enforcement Order – 461 Forest Street – Dennis Chartier

Mr. Chartier and Forester Craig Birch appeared before the Commission. There appears to have been a miscommunication among Conservation Commission members. The matter was resolved; the Commission voted to lift the Order. The Commission, Mr. Chartier and his Forester reached the following agreement:

- 1) The straw wattles shall stay in place marking the 100' buffer.
- 2) No stump removal shall occur within the 100' buffer without a Notice of Intent.
- 3) Dead trees and "blow-downs" in the wetland may be removed, and the pine root masses allowed to fall back in place, thereby limiting erosion. Insofar as possible, equipment should stay out of the wetland, bearing in mind the need to push down the root masses.
- 4) Selective cut of large pines in the wetland (potential blowdowns) should be coordinated with the Conservation Commission.
- 5) A 25 foot natural vegetative buffer shall be maintained at the edge of the wetland; the soil shall remain undisturbed except for plantings the owner may undertake.

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Were read and accepted by the Commission with one minor change.

Bills/Payroll

None

Pleasant Street Extension Violation

No update.

Westford Street Grant Application Update

Alan and Jeff have established nearly all of the boundary GPS points have been taken and there are sorted pictures to match. Alan reported that the sign and its location

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have been approved by the owner of the property.

Arched Bridge Tree

Jeff reported that the tree has been removed, except for a 15' stub, and most debris has been picked up.

Kendall Cranberry Bog – High Street – Alan Chaney

Leah, Alan, Bill and Judy met Dick Henry and walked the site on March 4th. Alan reported that the Planning Board voted unanimously to support the project. Alan also said that the Dunstable Rural Land Trust will pay for the appraisal that Jonathan Avery will conduct.

<u>Timber Cut Approval of Town Parcels – Alan Chaney</u>

Alan reported that he is waiting for the work order from Forester Gary Gouldrup (NEFCO).

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Email Regarding Tree Removal – 477 Forest Street – Luis Vazguez

The Commission will ask Cheryl to contact Mr. Vazquez to recommend that a site visit is scheduled with members and Mr. Chartier to discuss the large pine trees that have blown down in/near the wetland.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Alan Chaney Dunstable Conservation Commission