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<u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, April 10, 2017</u>

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

Members present: Judy Larter, Bill Moeller, Leah Basbanes and Alan Chaney

Member absent: Juan Amodei and Marilyn Pike

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

Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2017

Alan made a motion to approve the March 27th meeting minutes as written. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

No bills. Bill made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll slip. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Pleasant Street Extension Update</u>

Alan reported that he has twice gone to the site after receiving calls from a resident. He also contacted the Police Department who spoke to the ATV drivers. Leah suggested that Alan have the resident(s) call the Police directly.

Questions on Work near Wetlands - 4 Linwood Lane - Brian Green

Mr. Green told members that currently the ground in his backyard pitches towards his house. He would like to remove some of the fill, level it off and build a retaining wall. Because there is question as to how far the wetlands are from the house, the Commission decided they needed to go out to the site on Saturday, April 15th at 9am.

Westford Street Grant Application Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that Attorney Falk finished the Conservation Restriction (CR) and sent it to the CR Reviewer. She sent Attorney Falk information on the three CRs that he will be working on. Alan and Jeff agreed to meet on Thursday the 13th to install the sign and take pictures for the reimbursement package.

<u>Kendall Cranberry Bog – High Street – Alan Chaney</u>

The Administrative Assistant reminded members about the LAND grant workshop on Thursday, May 18th at 11am in Boston. Leah agreed to attend. Alan reported that he met with Jonathan Avery who is working on the appraisal. Alan also met with the

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Advisory Committee who unanimously supported the LAND grant application and purchase of the Kendall Cranberry Bog.

Eastern Box Turtle

Julie Lisk contacted the office to ask for help in locating Eastern Box Turtles in town. She has a tracking device on a turtle she found last fall. Members agreed to post information on the website to contact her if they come across any.

Bay State Trail Riders Association Letter

Members reviewed the letter which described difficulty the Bay State Trail Riders had with one town that had a Conservation Restriction on it held by Fish and Wildlife. The Conservation Commission CRs are usually held by the Dunstable Rural Land Trust.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Our plan expires in December of this year. Leah asked that work on this be put off until after the Annual Town Meeting.

MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program

The Town Administrator asked that the Chairman sign off on the bike racks and benches for the MassDOT Complete Streets Program.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Frye Property on Pleasant Street

Alan said that the Dunstable Rural Land Trust has agreed to pay for an appraisal for property on Pleasant Street owned by Robert Frye. Jonathan Avery will be conducting the appraisal.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 7:22pm. Motion 2nd. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2017, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission