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**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

Approved: May 22, 2017

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

**18 Massapoag Way – Theda Crocker Property (Linda Justice) – Tree Removal**

Ms. Justice attended the meeting to discuss removal of trees on her mother's property at 18 Massapoag Way. She had received permission from the Conservation Commission in the fall of 2016 to cut down two trees in danger of falling. She said she was hoping that they would have dropped over the winter, but they did not. She is now requesting that additional trees be removed. Members of the Commission went out to the site to evaluate the condition of the tagged trees. After the discussion it was agreed by all parties that Ms. Justice may remove the two original trees that were approved by the Commission previously and two obviously dead trees. The remaining trees Ms. Justice wanted to cut down looked healthy and will remain for now, keeping the area stable and balanced.

**Forest Street Properties – Ross Associates**

Resident Dennis Chartier from 461 Forest Street was in attendance. Neil Gorman from Ross Associates attended the meeting at the request of the Conservation Commission to discuss a discrepancy between two plans; the Planning Board plan showing a culvert and the Conservation plan with the culvert omitted. Members explained to Mr. Gorman that decisions for the four lots were made based on the information that was submitted to the Commission. The Commission believes that the omitted information could have changed the outcome of the decisions. Mr. Gorman said that when they delineated the wetlands they did not show the ditch because Mr. Bacon stated that the ditch was man made and constructed in the 1970's when the house was built. Mr. Gorman's wetland specialist said there were no upland soils or vegetation indicating that the wetland was jurisdictional. He said that it was not their intent to mislead the Commission. Members reiterated that the ditch should have been shown on the Conservation Commission plan anyway. The Commission would like to do their own analysis to determine if in fact the wetland is jurisdictional. Leah said that the fact that the groundwater table is high enough that a ditch needed to be constructed could indicate a jurisdictional wetland. It was decided that Mr. Gorman, his wetland specialist and members of the Conservation Commission will meet out at the site. Mr. Gorman will forward to the office a list of dates to choose from and a site visit will be scheduled.

**Westford Street Grant Update**

Ms. Chaney and her attorney Peter Prevett attended the meeting at the request of the Conservation Commission Minutes – May 9, 2017



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Commission to discuss the Conservation Restriction that will be placed on the Westford Street property. Items such as the location of the public access, the number and size of 4 sided structures and the sign location needed to be discussed. The Commission agreed to relocate the sign to a location of Ms. Chaney's choosing. Members agreed that the access for the public will be away from the agricultural area. Ms. Chaney told the Commission that she did not want a limit on the size or amount of four sided structures unless the state requires it since she may want multiple buildings to house farm equipment, livestock and feed. Members asked the Administrative Assistant to call the CR Reviewer to get her opinion.

### **Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2017**

Juan made a motion to approve the April 24th meeting minutes as written. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Bills/Payroll**

A certified mail bill for \$6.59 was presented. Bill made a motion to sign the bill. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Bill made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll slip. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Certificate of Compliance - 253 Hall Street - Bettancourt**

Leah had been out to the site and reported that the Commission could issue the Certificate of Compliance. Leah made the motion to sign. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. –Motion passed unanimously.

### **Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Application Update**

Voters at Annual Town Meeting voted in favor of pursuing a state LAND grant for the purchase of the Kendall Cranberry Bog on High Street.

### **E-Mail Regarding Sky Meadow Earthwork**

A resident contacted Leah with a concern about earthwork that was going on up at the Sky Meadow golf course possibly near wetlands. The Commission is interested if the activity is within Dunstable. The Administrative Assistant will contact Sky Meadow for more information.

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

Bill made a motion to close the meeting at 7:15pm. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann - Administrative Assistant, Dunstable Conservation Commission