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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 24, 2017**

Approved: August 28, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chairman Jeff Haight
Members present: Juan Amodei, Alan Chaney and Kieran Meehan
Members absent: Marilyn Pike and Leah Basbanes
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

Meeting Minutes – July 10th

Motion was made, 2nd and passed to accept the minutes of the July 10th meeting.

Bills/Payroll

No bills. Alan made a motion to sign the payroll. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Westford Street Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that she had just received a copy of the 2nd cancelled check and will submit the reimbursement paperwork this week.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Application Update

Melissa Cryan from the Department of Conservation and Recreation will meet Alan Chaney this Thursday, July 27th at 9am to walk the Kendall Cranberry Bog site as part of the LAND grant application process.

Update the Open Space Plan by December 2017

Leah and Cheryl are working on updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan that is due to expire December of 2017.

Cost Share Applications – Working Forest Initiative Funding

Alan filled out four applications for funding to be sent to the Department of Conservation and Recreation to pay for Forestry Plans for Conservation land on Woods Court, High & Mill Streets, Westford Street and Groton Street. Jeff signed the applications as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Rail Trails

Juan brought up new State funding that could be used to connect trails in town to other towns



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or within Dunstable. It was decided that he will look into this further.

Trees in the Area of the Stone Arch Bridge

Jeff brought up that there are trees that are leaning over the trail near the Stone Arch Bridge however, after discussing; members believe they are on private property.

Pleasant Street Extension Site Visit

Alan and Jeff met with Darrell Oakley from New England Power Company to discuss the 400 feet of bridge and poles lying within the wetlands near the company's station. All agreed that the materials are a significant violation of the Massachusetts Wetland Law. Mr. Oakley agreed to put up no trespassing signs and suggested that the Commission call the state environmental police to stakeout the area in search of riders violating the state motorized vehicle law. Chapter 266 Section 121A of Mass General Law states "*Whoever, without right, enters upon the private land of another, whether or not such land be posted against trespass, and in so entering makes use of or has in his immediate possession or control any vehicle, machine, or device which includes an internal combustion engine or other source of mechanical power, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.*" Mr. Oakley doesn't believe the poles belong to New England Power. The Commission decided that they will need to identify the owners of the poles (New England Power or Telephone Company) and will address having them removed once that is done.

August 14, 2017 Meeting

Due to the fact that there may not be a quorum on August 14th, the Commission decided to cancel their meeting that week if no agenda items are scheduled by the first week of August.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 7:42pm. Motion was 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission