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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **Monday, January 22, 2018**

Approved:

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

### **Meeting Minutes – January 8th**

Juan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8th meeting. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
– Motion passed unanimously.

### **Bills/Payroll**

Bill made a motion to sign the bills and payroll. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Odor on Main Street**

Leah said that she has not been able to connect with Judy Schmitz the Wetlands Circuit Rider from DEP about the odor on Main St. She plans to update members at the next meeting.

### **Eagle Scout Candidate Max Prescott**

Max told members that he would like approval to build a bridge and mark trails on Conservation Commission property near the Swallow Union Elementary School. Although members support his idea, they asked him to return once he has a bridge design ready. Members suggested that Max incorporate aluminum nails and triangular non-reflective trail symbols on the trees that he plans on marking. Alan asked that Sue Psaledakis from Safe Pathways be included on a site visit to the property. Alan will represent the Conservation Commission and Leah the Board of Selectmen. When Max is ready, he will contact everyone to meet out at the site for suggestions on identifying trails.

### **Open Space and Recreation Plan**

The Administrative Assistant told members that Melissa Cryan confirmed receipt of the plan and she has started the review process.

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

The Administrative Assistant told members that she received the signed paperwork back from the state. The CR is with the reviewer. She told members that Emmanuel had approved both previously used sign designs. The Commission decided to go with the brown sign design that used for the Amos Kendall property.



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

### **Westford Street CR Property**

Someone asked Leah why the sign at the Westford Street property was moved from its original location. Jeff explained that the property owner asked to move it. Jeff called the owner of the property and mentioned that fall/winter was a good time to mark walking trails for the public. At that time, Ms. Chaney asked about moving the parking area. The Commission said that she could however until she clears a new one, the public will be using the existing one.

### **Stone Arch Bridge**

Leah mentioned that there is eroding going on near the Stone Arch Bridge that has taken about ½ of the trail. This needs to be addressed. Jeff mentioned that he would look into Community Preservation Act historical funds to repair the granite blocks on the bridge.

### **Pleasant Street Frye Property - CR**

Alan told members that he informed Mr. Frye of the completed appraisal of his property. The appraisal came in lower than both Alan and Mr. Frye thought it would. Alan did offer that the Conservation Commission could possibly purchase the CR for more than the appraisal value as long as there is support at Town Meeting. The state reimbursement, if approved, would remain at 60% of the appraised value. Alan will call Mr. Frye in the next couple of weeks.

### **Dumont Property**

Alan said that he has heard that the Town is looking at possibly purchasing the Dumont property on Lowell Street. Discussions have been taking place in Executive Session so the details are not public. Alan said that the area south of the power lines is mostly wetland (25 of 70 acres) and should go to the Conservation Commission. Alan said the town could get creative with financing the project by selling off the existing house on the property, putting in a solar field or selling the old highway garage. Alan also mentioned that Fish and Game is interested in purchasing land near the Nashua River and a 200-foot strip along Unkety Brook.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Administrative Assistant  
Dunstable Conservation Commission