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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2018

Approved: June 11, 2018

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

Occupancy Permit Signature – 8 Maple Street – Ken Tully

Mr. Tully attended the meeting to have his Occupancy Permit signed for 8 Maple Street. There is a recorded Order of Conditions on the property. Mr. Tully told members that he understands he will need to file for a Certificate of Compliance once the area is stable. Alan made a motion to sign the Occupancy Permit for 8 Maple Street. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Building Permit – 467 Forest Street – Chris Doherty

Mr. Doherty came before the Commission seeking a Building Permit for 467 Forest Street. There is a recorded Order of Conditions on the property. Alan made a motion to sign the building permit for 467 Forest Street. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Request for Determination Public Meeting & Building Permit – 422 Pond Street (lot 1) – Kiley Brock Homes LLC

At 6:34pm, Jeff opened the public meeting for 422 Pond Street. No one from the public attended. Applicants Mr. Kiley and Mr. Brock were present. Mr. Kiley told members that they intend to expand the yard at 422 Pond Street, a single-family house lot. The 50-foot buffer would be left in a natural vegetative state. They will install straw wattles and silt fence. The lot is relatively flat and sandy. Alan mentioned marking the limit of clearing. Leah made a motion to close the public meeting and issue a negative 3 determination with the condition that they install approximately five (5) 4"x4" pressure treated posts with decals to mark the limit of clearing as shown on the plan. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.
Plan approved: Determination of Applicability Lot 1 Pond Street Dunstable, MA 01827 – dated 4/25/18 for Kiley Brock Homes LLC by Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, Inc.
Chairman Jeff Haight signed the building permit.

Notice of Intent Hearing – Lake Massapoag – Invasive Weed Removal – Matt Hansen

At 6:44pm, Jeff opened the hearing for the Lake Massapoag invasive weed removal. In attendance: Morgan Nivison and David Roach from All Habitat Services, LLC., Brian Weillbrenner and Barbara Blanco from the Lake Massapoag Rod and Gun Club. Ms. Nivison explained that they filed a Notice of Intent in order to apply an aquatic herbicide treatment to Upper



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Massapoag Pond. The 113 acres are infested with Eurasian Milfoil, Fanwort and Variable-Leaf Milfoil. They will use Sonar (Fluridone) to restore a natural balance to the pond. Ms. Nivison told members that they are hoping to start treatment by early June with a 21-day follow-up. The hearings for the Towns of Groton and Tyngsboro will be tomorrow night. A DEP file number was received (147-0300) however no response from MESA as of yet. A member asked if there are restrictions after treatment. Ms. Nivison said nothing except irrigation for up to 30 days. Members of the Rod and Gun Club in attendance indicated that they would be notifying residents prior to treatment. Alan made a motion to close the hearing. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan made a motion to approve the project and issue an Order of Conditions once MESA responds. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout Projects – Tyler Neal

Tyler Neal, Alex Dai and James Liang attended the meeting to discuss potential Eagle Scout projects. Jeff mentioned a project involving the five (5) cemeteries in town (Central Cemetery, Meeting House Hill Cemetery, Swallow Cemetery, Blood Cemetery and Rideout Cemetery). He said it would be helpful to have maps of each cemetery along with who is buried in each plot, pictures of each head stone, and possibly pictures and/or history of those buried. Alan suggested that if someone was interested in the project, Carol Bacon might have additional information.

Tyler mentioned building bat houses to place on Spaulding Proctor.

Another project mentioned was landscaping around the existing concession stand at Larter Field. Members suggested they contact the Parks and Recreation Department to see if they have any additional ideas for projects.

The Commission asked the scouts to come back to their June 11 meeting to continue the discussion.

Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2018

Leah made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 meeting, as submitted. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

The Administrative Assistant presented the following requests for approval/payment.

1. \$28.00 for parking and train ticket to Boston for Grant Workshop;
2. \$225 approval from Wetland Protection Act funds for filing of Conservation Restrictions (Best, Howard's Brook and Flat Rock Hill) at North Middlesex Registry of Deeds;
3. \$500 approval from Wetland Protection Act funds for title search for the Kendall Cranberry Bog purchase;



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4. Up to \$200 approval from Wetland Protection Act funds for printing of six copies of the Open Space and Recreation Plan;
5. Payroll slips for Administrative Assistant.

Members discussed the requests for Wetland Protection Act funds and decided they were within the realm of approved expenditures. Juan made a motion to approve and sign the bills/payroll mentioned above. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Reorganization of the Conservation Commission

Alan made a motion that Jeff Haight remain as Chairman of the Conservation Commission for the upcoming 2019 fiscal year. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Leah made a motion that Alan Chaney remain as Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission for the upcoming 2019 fiscal year. Jeff 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

167 Hardy Street – Asphalt Driveway Pictures – Ashley Tousignant

Members reviewed the pictures of the driveway and materials used on 167 Hardy Street. They were satisfied she used the appropriate materials. The information will be kept in her file.

Community Preservation Committee Member Appointment

Alan made a motion that Kieran Meehan remain as the Conservation Commission's member of the Community Preservation Committee. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

The Administrative Assistant said the state approved Open Space and Recreation Plan is at the printers.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

Attorney Brian Falk is having a title search prepared on the Kendall Cranberry Bog property. Once completed, he will schedule a closing date with Ms. Henry.

Frye Field CR Update

The purchase of a Conservation Restriction on the Frye Field passed at the Annual Town on Thursday, May 17, 2018. The Administrative Assistant will start the LAND grant application.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Building Permits – 32 Chapman (lot 5) and 49 Chapman (lot 16) – Mark White

Mr. White requested signatures on building permits on two of his lots. There are no Order of



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Conditions on either lot. Alan made a motion to sign both the permits. Leah 2nd the motion - Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Three Conservation Restrictions (CR) – Best, Howard’s Brook & Flat Rock

The Administrative Assistant said that all three state approved Conservation Restrictions would be filed at the Registry of Deeds shortly.

Off Pleasant Street – Telephone Poles in the Wetlands

Jeff mentioned that he would like to organize a group to remove the sheets of wood from the poles in the wetlands at Off Pleasant Street.

Christmas tree Signs and Saws

Jeff said that he has a “Christmas Tree Sale” sign and saws that belong to the Commission. He will hold onto the saws and drop the sign off at the Town Hall.

Mowing of Stone Arch Bridge Field

Jeff asked if he could contact Sharon Flanagan about mowing the Stone Arch Bridge field. Last year she asked if she could mow the field to make it easier for the horses that use the area. Members said that she would need to provide a signed release that we could forward to the Town’s liability insurance carrier for approval.

Timber Report – Alan Chaney

Alan reported that all timbering is completed and ruts caused by the dozers will be fixed soon. There will be an overrun on all cuts.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission