



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 9, 2018**

Approved: July 23, 2018

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

Eagle Scout Candidate – Tyler Neal

Tyler asked to meet with members to discuss and obtain approval for his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build about twenty (20) bat houses to place at Spaulding Proctor with a few scattered around the pond at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust property off Main Street. He will place them 15-20 feet off the ground. Alan asked him to use aluminum nails or screws to secure the houses to the trees. Aluminum will not rust and will not damage chainsaws if a tree needs removing or trimming. Alan made a motion to approve Tyler's project. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 11 meeting, with correction. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Leah made a motion to approve the invoice for certified mail and Alan's expenditure of Plexiglas. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

National Grid's Letter Regarding Poles in Wetland – Pleasant Street Extension

Juan explained that he attempted to get National Grid's assistance with removal of utility poles in the wetlands at Pleasant Street Extension. It is unclear who brought the poles to the location; however, ATVs have been using them and wood planking to cross the wetlands near the National Grid owned right-of-way. These poles are a hazard to the wetlands due to the excretion of creosote and other substances. National Grid's June 12 letter stated that although they were sympathetic to the property owner's situation and the concerns of the Conservation Commission, they felt they could not take on the responsibility to resolve the issue. Alan suggested contacting a local newspaper to see if they are interested in publishing a story about



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

the utility poles. Juan said that the Commission should seek Town Counsel's advice. Leah will see what she can find out from Attorney Falk and report to members.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that she forwarded the reimbursement paperwork to the State. There is a Chapter 61A lien on the property that the state is requiring be removed before they will reimburse the town.

Frye Field CR Update

On Monday, July 2, the Administrative Assistant sent the application overnight mail to the State.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Right of First Refusal – 380 Westford Street – Costello

The Conservation Commission received notification of the intent to sell land under Chapter 61B. Alan made a motion to inform the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission is not interested in the parcel. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Large Ground Mounted Solar Facilities – Land under Chapter

The Administrative Assistant asked members if they knew of any restrictions on placing a large ground mounted solar facility on Chapter land. They said that although not allowed in wetlands, the Assessor would be the one that would know about restrictions on Chapter land.

Conservation Restrictions

Jeff suggested that members of the Conservation Commission should review all Conservation Restrictions before sending them to the state.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37pm. Juan 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 9, 2018**

Approved: July 23, 2018

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

Eagle Scout Candidate – Tyler Neal

Tyler asked to meet with members to discuss and obtain approval for his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build about twenty (20) bat houses to place at Spaulding Proctor with a few scattered around the pond at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust property off Main Street. He will place them 15-20 feet off the ground. Alan asked him to use aluminum nails or screws to secure the houses to the trees. Aluminum will not rust and will not damage chainsaws if a tree needs removing or trimming. Alan made a motion to approve Tyler's project. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 11 meeting, with correction. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Leah made a motion to approve the invoice for certified mail and Alan's expenditure of Plexiglas. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

National Grid's Letter Regarding Poles in Wetland – Pleasant Street Extension

Juan explained that he attempted to get National Grid's assistance with removal of utility poles in the wetlands at Pleasant Street Extension. It is unclear who brought the poles to the location; however, ATVs have been using them and wood planking to cross the wetlands near the National Grid owned right-of-way. These poles are a hazard to the wetlands due to the excretion of creosote and other substances. National Grid's June 12 letter stated that although they were sympathetic to the property owner's situation and the concerns of the Conservation Commission, they felt they could not take on the responsibility to resolve the issue. Alan suggested contacting a local newspaper to see if they are interested in publishing a story about



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

the utility poles. Juan said that the Commission should seek Town Counsel's advice. Leah will see what she can find out from Attorney Falk and report to members.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that she forwarded the reimbursement paperwork to the State. There is a Chapter 61A lien on the property that the state is requiring be removed before they will reimburse the town.

Frye Field CR Update

On Monday, July 2, the Administrative Assistant sent the application overnight mail to the State.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Right of First Refusal – 380 Westford Street – Costello

The Conservation Commission received notification of the intent to sell land under Chapter 61B. Alan made a motion to inform the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission is not interested in the parcel. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Large Ground Mounted Solar Facilities – Land under Chapter

The Administrative Assistant asked members if they knew of any restrictions on placing a large ground mounted solar facility on Chapter land. They said that although not allowed in wetlands, the Assessor would be the one that would know about restrictions on Chapter land.

Conservation Restrictions

Jeff suggested that members of the Conservation Commission should review all Conservation Restrictions before sending them to the state.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37pm. Juan 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 9, 2018**

Approved: July 23, 2018

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

Eagle Scout Candidate – Tyler Neal

Tyler asked to meet with members to discuss and obtain approval for his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build about twenty (20) bat houses to place at Spaulding Proctor with a few scattered around the pond at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust property off Main Street. He will place them 15-20 feet off the ground. Alan asked him to use aluminum nails or screws to secure the houses to the trees. Aluminum will not rust and will not damage chainsaws if a tree needs removing or trimming. Alan made a motion to approve Tyler's project. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 11 meeting, with correction. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Leah made a motion to approve the invoice for certified mail and Alan's expenditure of Plexiglas. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

National Grid's Letter Regarding Poles in Wetland – Pleasant Street Extension

Juan explained that he attempted to get National Grid's assistance with removal of utility poles in the wetlands at Pleasant Street Extension. It is unclear who brought the poles to the location; however, ATVs have been using them and wood planking to cross the wetlands near the National Grid owned right-of-way. These poles are a hazard to the wetlands due to the excretion of creosote and other substances. National Grid's June 12 letter stated that although they were sympathetic to the property owner's situation and the concerns of the Conservation Commission, they felt they could not take on the responsibility to resolve the issue. Alan suggested contacting a local newspaper to see if they are interested in publishing a story about



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

the utility poles. Juan said that the Commission should seek Town Counsel's advice. Leah will see what she can find out from Attorney Falk and report to members.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that she forwarded the reimbursement paperwork to the State. There is a Chapter 61A lien on the property that the state is requiring be removed before they will reimburse the town.

Frye Field CR Update

On Monday, July 2, the Administrative Assistant sent the application overnight mail to the State.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Right of First Refusal – 380 Westford Street – Costello

The Conservation Commission received notification of the intent to sell land under Chapter 61B. Alan made a motion to inform the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission is not interested in the parcel. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Large Ground Mounted Solar Facilities – Land under Chapter

The Administrative Assistant asked members if they knew of any restrictions on placing a large ground mounted solar facility on Chapter land. They said that although not allowed in wetlands, the Assessor would be the one that would know about restrictions on Chapter land.

Conservation Restrictions

Jeff suggested that members of the Conservation Commission should review all Conservation Restrictions before sending them to the state.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37pm. Juan 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 9, 2018**

Approved: July 23, 2018

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

Eagle Scout Candidate – Tyler Neal

Tyler asked to meet with members to discuss and obtain approval for his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build about twenty (20) bat houses to place at Spaulding Proctor with a few scattered around the pond at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust property off Main Street. He will place them 15-20 feet off the ground. Alan asked him to use aluminum nails or screws to secure the houses to the trees. Aluminum will not rust and will not damage chainsaws if a tree needs removing or trimming. Alan made a motion to approve Tyler's project. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 11 meeting, with correction. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Leah made a motion to approve the invoice for certified mail and Alan's expenditure of Plexiglas. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

National Grid's Letter Regarding Poles in Wetland – Pleasant Street Extension

Juan explained that he attempted to get National Grid's assistance with removal of utility poles in the wetlands at Pleasant Street Extension. It is unclear who brought the poles to the location; however, ATVs have been using them and wood planking to cross the wetlands near the National Grid owned right-of-way. These poles are a hazard to the wetlands due to the excretion of creosote and other substances. National Grid's June 12 letter stated that although they were sympathetic to the property owner's situation and the concerns of the Conservation Commission, they felt they could not take on the responsibility to resolve the issue. Alan suggested contacting a local newspaper to see if they are interested in publishing a story about



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

the utility poles. Juan said that the Commission should seek Town Counsel's advice. Leah will see what she can find out from Attorney Falk and report to members.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that she forwarded the reimbursement paperwork to the State. There is a Chapter 61A lien on the property that the state is requiring be removed before they will reimburse the town.

Frye Field CR Update

On Monday, July 2, the Administrative Assistant sent the application overnight mail to the State.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Right of First Refusal – 380 Westford Street – Costello

The Conservation Commission received notification of the intent to sell land under Chapter 61B. Alan made a motion to inform the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission is not interested in the parcel. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Large Ground Mounted Solar Facilities – Land under Chapter

The Administrative Assistant asked members if they knew of any restrictions on placing a large ground mounted solar facility on Chapter land. They said that although not allowed in wetlands, the Assessor would be the one that would know about restrictions on Chapter land.

Conservation Restrictions

Jeff suggested that members of the Conservation Commission should review all Conservation Restrictions before sending them to the state.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37pm. Juan 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, July 9, 2018**

Approved: July 23, 2018

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

Eagle Scout Candidate – Tyler Neal

Tyler asked to meet with members to discuss and obtain approval for his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build about twenty (20) bat houses to place at Spaulding Proctor with a few scattered around the pond at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust property off Main Street. He will place them 15-20 feet off the ground. Alan asked him to use aluminum nails or screws to secure the houses to the trees. Aluminum will not rust and will not damage chainsaws if a tree needs removing or trimming. Alan made a motion to approve Tyler's project. Leah 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 11 meeting, with correction. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Leah made a motion to approve the invoice for certified mail and Alan's expenditure of Plexiglas. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

National Grid's Letter Regarding Poles in Wetland – Pleasant Street Extension

Juan explained that he attempted to get National Grid's assistance with removal of utility poles in the wetlands at Pleasant Street Extension. It is unclear who brought the poles to the location; however, ATVs have been using them and wood planking to cross the wetlands near the National Grid owned right-of-way. These poles are a hazard to the wetlands due to the excretion of creosote and other substances. National Grid's June 12 letter stated that although they were sympathetic to the property owner's situation and the concerns of the Conservation Commission, they felt they could not take on the responsibility to resolve the issue. Alan suggested contacting a local newspaper to see if they are interested in publishing a story about



OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313
(978) 649-4514 FAX (978) 649-8893
mailto:concom@dunstable-ma.gov

the utility poles. Juan said that the Commission should seek Town Counsel's advice. Leah will see what she can find out from Attorney Falk and report to members.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that she forwarded the reimbursement paperwork to the State. There is a Chapter 61A lien on the property that the state is requiring be removed before they will reimburse the town.

Frye Field CR Update

On Monday, July 2, the Administrative Assistant sent the application overnight mail to the State.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Right of First Refusal – 380 Westford Street – Costello

The Conservation Commission received notification of the intent to sell land under Chapter 61B. Alan made a motion to inform the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission is not interested in the parcel. Kieran 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Large Ground Mounted Solar Facilities – Land under Chapter

The Administrative Assistant asked members if they knew of any restrictions on placing a large ground mounted solar facility on Chapter land. They said that although not allowed in wetlands, the Assessor would be the one that would know about restrictions on Chapter land.

Conservation Restrictions

Jeff suggested that members of the Conservation Commission should review all Conservation Restrictions before sending them to the state.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37pm. Juan 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission