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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **Monday, August 27, 2018**

Approved: September 10, 2018

Chairman Jeff Haight called the meeting to order at 6:30pm  
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

### **Building Permit – 47 Alexander Way – Lot 11 – Mike Bushnell**

This parcel does not have an Order of Conditions. Leah made a motion to sign the Building Permit for 47 Alexander Way. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Justin Garofano – Question on Building on 10.5 acres on Lowell Street – Lot 1**

Mr. and Mrs. Garofano attended the meeting to discuss a lot they are looking to purchase on Lowell Street. They would like to build a house on the front portion of the property and a horse stable/barn on the rear of the lot, which would require a wetland crossing. Members are familiar with the property due to the significant amount of wetlands and ledge on the parcel. The year round perennial stream is protected under the Rivers Act, Wetland Protection Act and Town of Dunstable Wetland Bylaw. The town bylaw prohibits any permanent structure within 60 feet of the wetlands. Members suggested that the Garofano's contact the Board of Health to see what information is available on the lot. The Commission explained that they would need additional data such as the 200-foot setback and location of the mean high water level to be able to advise the Garofano's further on what they would be able to do on the lot.

### **Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2018**

Leah made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 13 meeting, as presented. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

### **Bills/Payroll**

Leah made a motion to sign the invoice for Mr. Cover's mowing of the Stone Arch Bridge parking area. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. This will be paid out of the Conservation Land Fund.

### **Building Permit Sign off Procedure**

Members discussed giving the Administrative Assistant authorization to sign some Building Permits. Alan made a motion to authorize the Administrative Assistant to sign Building Permits on properties with no Order of Conditions (OOC) or OOC's filed at the Registry of Deeds. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **List of Future Projects**



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Members reviewed and added to the list of projects they would like to undertake in the future. They include:

- a. Repair at Spaulding Proctor
- b. Mowing of Flat Rock Hill field
- c. Continuation of Blanchard Hill project
  1. Mow (brush hog?) the existing open area of about an acre.
  2. Trim (& herbicide?) the western slope brush & some mature trees to maintain/establish the view.
  3. Smooth & seed in grass/wildflowers the existing level clearing to make a picnic area.
  4. Cut back the encroaching brush on either side of the roadway up the hill & put in water bars every 30-40 feet.
  5. Create a parking area at the base for three cars; erect a kiosk & appropriate signage.
  6. Clear & chip more of the hard pines (15-20 feet tall) to enlarge the clearing.
- d. Booklet of Conservation properties
- e. Mowing of Unkety Woods field
- f. Repair of Unkety Woods sign

The Commission discussed obtaining an estimate to mow the Unkety Woods field. Another project high on the list is the booklet of conservation properties. Members decided to meet this Thursday, August 30 at 10am at the Town Hall to do a site visit of Unkety Woods.

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

The Administrative Assistant said that Mr. Hopke from 200 Pond Street filed a Request for Determination to install a garage next to his house. Members asked the Assistant to notify him that he is responsible to bring to the meeting proof of his wetland line location, location and size of proposed garage, number of feet from wetlands, etc. so they can make a determination.

### **Conservation Commission Member**

Alan said that Bob Kennedy talked to Tara Alcorn, a teacher at the Vocational High School who may be interested in joining the Conservation Commission. Jeff will talk with Marilyn about resigning since she has not been to a meeting in about a year.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:38pm. Alan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Administrative Assistant  
Dunstable Conservation Commission