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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, January 14, 2019**

Approved: January 28, 2019

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

Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2018

Alan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 10 meeting, with corrections. Tara 2nd the motion. - Motion passed with Jeff abstaining from the vote.

Bills/Payroll

Alan explained the background of the two invoices submitted; one to restore the view at Flat Rock Hill (\$3,600) and one to clear the hilltop (\$2,900). Tara made a motion to pay the invoices. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan then made a motion to sign the payroll for the Administrative Assistant. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Results of Site Visit – 93 Westford Street – Kordun – Possible Beaver Flooding

Alan, Bill and Leah met with the homeowner over his concern that beaver activity has caused his driveway to sink. After walking the site, members said that due to the elevation of his driveway, they believe that beaver activity has had no impact. They reminded Mr. Kordun that there is a recorded Conservation Restriction on much of his property.

Results of Site Visit – 461 Forest Street – Chartier – Wetland Replication

Mr. Chartier attended the meeting. Alan said that he, Bill and Leah met with Mr. Chartier at the site to review the proposed replication area for Lot 4 - 461 Forest Street. The proposed site is in a better location than originally approved. Motion was made, 2nd and approved unanimously to approve the replication site on Lot 4 – 461 Forest Street. Plan reference: Site Plan (Driveway/Wetland Crossing Modifications) - Lots 2 & 4 Forest Road, Dunstable, MA – by David E. Ross Associates, Inc. dated October 2018 with a revision date of January 14, 2019.

Acknowledgement of Receipts from Town Clerk

The Administrative Assistant handed out the remaining Acknowledgement of Receipts that came from the Town Clerk. Members signed them.

Signs for Conservation Properties

Alan asked members about ordering signs for Conservation properties saying, “*All dogs must be*



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leashed'. Members agreed that signs are needed since the Commission has been receiving complaints about loose dogs disturbing walkers/leashed dogs. The Administrative Assistant will order the signs with green background and white lettering.

Alan brought up that some privately owned properties with Conservation Restrictions need signs asking the public to *remain on marked paths* and that they *are not allowed to use motorized vehicles or hunt* on these properties. This will be discussed at a future date.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Trail Markers

Alan said that he would like to look into ordering trail markers consistent with what the Dunstable Rural Land Trust uses on their trails. Currently, Eagle Scout candidates use different forms and ways to mark our trails. Alan said the markers should be consistent to make it clearer for the public to identify trails. He will look into various trail symbols and report to members.

489/493 Forest Street – Bertrand – Outbuilding

Alan left the room for the discussion. Members discussed an outbuilding on Mr. Bertrand's new lot. The Building Inspector issued a building permit that had not come before the Conservation Commission for approval. A letter will go out to Mr. Bertrand asking him to come to the January 28th meeting to clarify and justify the construction of a metal frame building that may be within 100 foot of the wetlands. Alan returned to the meeting.

Pleasant Street Extension – Poles in Wetlands

Jeff brought up that the utility poles are impeding the movement of turtles. He asked that Alan get permission from the landowner to remove some sections of the poles in order to allow turtles and other wildlife to move about more freely. The Administrative Assistant was asked to contact Leah about getting Town Counsel's opinion on who is responsible for removal of the debris; the landowner or the utility company.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission