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Conservation Commission Minutes **Approved: September 28, 2026**
Monday, September 14, 2026

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
Members present: Leah Basbanes, Alan Chase, Kate DeLoureiro and Al Starbird

Members absent: Marijan Andacic and Bridgette Pontbriand

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

Reschedule DCC Meeting due to Holiday, Oct. 12th

- Alan Starbird moved to reschedule the October 12, 2026 Conservation Commission meeting to Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Leah seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Dunstable Wetland Bylaw Potential Updates

The Commission discussed creating a 25-foot natural no-disturb buffer adjacent to wetland resource areas and reviewed the use of native plants in restoration and replication areas. Members agreed that potential changes should be pursued through Conservation Commission regulations rather than bylaw amendments. Leah agreed to prepare draft language for future review.

Dunstable Properties and Trails Website Project: DunstableTrails.ORG

The Administrator reported that Scott Lewis' work continues for the new website. Aside from trail mapping, his focus currently is on the narrative descriptions with available history, for the Town properties.

Stewardship

Chair Alan reported that an additional $1,200 had been received from the Farnsworth timber sale and added to Conservation account funds. Members discussed ongoing invasive species treatment efforts, and work-to-date by Oxbow Associates. They reviewed mowing plans for conservation properties. Chair Alan will reach out to John Cover about mowing the Unkety Woods field this fall.

The Commission scheduled a stewardship workday for October 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to install trail signs and conduct trail maintenance activities.

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Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026

- Leah moved to approve the August 24, 2026 meeting minutes. Alan Chase seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

- Al Starbird motioned to approve one payroll. Kate seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

There were no other bills.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting/Other Business

215 Pleasant Street

The Commission reviewed plans and a letter requesting a filing exemption for a proposed septic system upgrade provided by Jeff Hannaford of Norse Design Services, on behalf of the property owner. Members discussed applicable exemptions and agreed additional review would be conducted before any determination, or a response is offered back.

309 Main Street

The Administrator reported that an anticipated Notice of Intent filing for 309 Main Street has not yet been received. Members indicated that a site visit would likely be scheduled upon receipt of the application.

Leah moved to close the meeting at 7:12PM. Kate seconded the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Rock
Administrative Coordinator
Dunstable Conservation Commission

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