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Meeting Held via Zoom
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 858 0559 8442

Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2022

Approved: May 23, 2022

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Kate DeLoureiro, Tiffany Naughton, Leah Basbanes, Juan Amodei and Marijan Andacic

Member absent: Al Starbird

285 Pleasant Street – Robert Ramirez – Possible Earthwork Violation

Mr. Ramirez attended the meeting at the request of the Conservation Commission. Alan explained that it had come to the attention of members that trucks of fill had been entering his property. There is a steep bank and wetland in the backyard. Members want to insure that a wetland violation has not occurred. Mr. Ramirez said that there has been many washouts of the bank into the wetland. To stop it from continuing, he filled, graded and placed crushed stone on the bank to stabilize it. Members asked if they could meet Mr. Ramirez out at the property in order to see what has taken place. Mr. Ramirez agreed and a site visit was set up for Saturday, May 14 at 3pm. If Mr. Ramirez finds after talking to his girlfriend that he cannot make the Saturday site visit, he will call Tuesday to schedule it for Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022

Tiffany made a motion to approve, as submitted, the April 25 meeting minutes. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll

No bills. Marijan motioned to sign payroll. Tiffany 2nd the motion.– Motion passed unanimously.

Results of Site Visit to 23 Skytop Lane – Drainage from Neighboring Property

Juan and Alan met at the property. Juan explained that there is a small isolated wetland between 23 & 29 Skytop Lane. The new home at #29 seems to have created a situation where water is now running onto the neighboring lot (#23), flooding areas of the property. Although builder Ken Tully installed a rain garden (per the plans), it does not absorb all of the water coming off the house/lot. Members agreed that the resident should talk to Mr. Tully, to see if there is another way to divert the water. Juan mentioned he has seen the use of a dry well in other towns. This is a civil matter between the property owners.

End of Fiscal Year Purchases Letter – Interim Town Administrator



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The Commission received a letter from the Interim Town Administrator asking to be notified of intended purchases over \$2,500 through the end of the fiscal year. Members agreed there is none.

Open Space Definitive Subdivision Hearing – 0 River Street – Coljack Development

The Commission received notice of an Open Space Definitive Subdivision hearing for June 6 for 0 River Street. The Planning Board requested comments by the end of May. The Administrative Assistant will forward the plans to members for review.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Monday Walks

Alan told members that he led the last two Monday morning walks. Last week was the Stone Arch Bridge. This week Spaulding Proctor property. He was pleased to see that both areas were litter free.

Wood Turtle

Leah showed members a picture taken near Massapoag Pond of a Wood Turtle. She will report the finding to the State.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously at 6:55pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, May 23 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission