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Meeting Held via Zoom
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 858 6922 5656

Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2022

Approved: June 13, 2022

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
Members present: Al Starbird, Leah Basbanes and Marijan Andacic
Members absent: Kate DeLoureiro, Juan Amodei and Tiffany Naughton

179 Off Pond Street – Wall Repair – Carly Yezzi

Ms. Yezzi explained that she has an existing wall on Massapoag Pond that has collapsed in areas. The wall, damaged from boat wakes and winter ice, has become unstable. She is looking for direction on what type of material to use (natural fieldstone, concrete, etc.) since the wall abuts the water. Leah said that Ms. Yezzi should probably hire a wetland consultant and must file a Notice of Intent for the proposed repair. The area is a wetland (Massapoag Pond), is land under a waterway, land subject to flooding, a bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Leah said that the Department of Environmental Protection no longer likes to see hard solutions like concrete or rock. They now favor soft solutions like natural vegetation. Leah told Ms. Yezzi that she probably needs an engineered wall, possibly with footings to hold back the area and support the harsh environmental pressures. Ms. Yezzi will contact a wetlands consultant who can design an appropriate wall and is familiar with filing Notice of Intent.

Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2022

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the May 9 meeting minutes. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll

No bills. Al made a motion to sign payroll. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Results of Site Visit to 285 Pleasant St. – Robert Ramirez– Possible Violation

Mr. Ramirez called on Thursday the 12th at 3:07pm, when the office was closed, to say that he would not be at home Saturday (14th) and asked if members could come out that night instead. Since members did not receive the message until Monday the 16th; Alan, Marijan and Leah went out as originally scheduled on Saturday at 3pm. Mr. Ramirez called the office Wednesday the 18th asking to reschedule the site visit. He was emailed the agenda that contained the Zoom information for tonight's meeting. He was asked to log on to discuss his property, and possibly set up another site visit. He did not attend. Leah did say that there are some issues at the property. It looks as though the homeowner has filled the wetland buffer with a significant



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amount of fill and may even be within 25 feet of a wetland. Members agreed that they would like to meet Mr. Ramirez at the site this week either Friday or Saturday.

Community Preservation Member for 2022-2023 – Al Starbird

Al agreed to stay on as the Conservation Commission's representative on the Community Preservation Committee. Leah made a motion that the Board of Selectmen appoint Al Starbird for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Commission will review the filing however Alan said that he does not see any issues as presented.

Signing of Boardwalk Contract to Apply for Grant – Fiscal Year 2023

Marijan made a motion to authorize Alan Chaney to sign the contract for the engineering firm of Hoyle Tanner to delineate the wetlands, file the Notice of Intent and prepare the grant application in time for the February 2023 deadline. Al 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Meetings

Members agreed to go back to "in person" meetings starting in June.

61 and 67 Valley Street – Possible Wetland Violations

The Conservation Commission was made aware of possible wetland violations going on at 61 and 67 Valley Street. A notice will be send to both property owners asking them to cease all activities and contact the office to schedule site visits.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously at 7:09pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, June 13 at 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
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Dunstable Conservation Commission