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# <u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, July 11, 2022</u>

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

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

## Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022

Al made a motion to approve, as submitted, the June 27 meeting minutes. Marijan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

## **Bills and Payroll**

No bills. Marijan made a motion to sign payroll. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

## **54 Hardy Street Site Visit**

Leah went out to the site. She reported that Mr. Tully installed posts with placards identifying the resource area. In addition, the back yard was fenced. The Commission is awaiting the asbuilt plan to insure that there has not been an alteration to the floodplain, before issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

### 61/67 Valley Street

Members noticed that the owner has not removed the fill as requested. The Commission sent a reminder letter.

## Discussion on area in Front of Larter Field - 26.30 acres

Alan said that Margaret Larter intended the area in front of Larter Field to remain as a hayfield. In order to honor that request, it would take a Town Meeting vote to turn that section of property over to the Conservation Commission, then a survey and deed would be needed.

# Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

### <u>Enforcement Order – 285 Pleasant Street - Ramierz</u>

An Enforcement Order (EO) was sent certified mail to Mr. Ramirez for the illegal placement of fill within the 100-foot buffer zone. This is a violation of the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131 s40 and its Regulations at 310 CMR 10:00, as well as the Dunstable General Wetland Bylaw. The EO legally allows Mr. Ramierz to do the work necessary to remedy the violation. It also serves as notice to the Department of Environmental Protection that a violation occurred and

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what needs to be done in order to bring the site into compliance. Mr. Ramierz is scheduled to attend the July 25, 2022 meeting with a site plan prepared by a Professional Engineer or Registered Surveyor showing:

- a. the wetland boundary delineated by a wetland professional;
- b. the limit of the illegal fill;
- c. the proposed removal and restoration of the buffer zone including removal of fill, reduced slope to approximately 3:1, plantings, stabilization BMP's of slope and;
- d. remedy for the driveway runoff to prevent erosion of the slope.

Upon approval of the restoration plan, the work shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Conservation Commission by October 24, 2022. If Mr. Ramierz is unable to meet the dates outlined, he must contact the Conservation Commission office.

Due to the instability of the slope requiring immediate action, the EO was approved by one member and ratified by a majority of members at tonight's meeting. Marijan made the motion, Al seconded the motion – motion passed unanimously to send the Enforcement Order.

# **Route 113 Project**

Alan told members that he was notified that there were concerns about a cement mixer near the wetlands at the Route 113 project. Alan and Leah went out to the site. The mixer was moved away from the wetlands and additional silt barrier was installed.

#### Reminder

Alan said that the Planning Board would be holding two hearings next Monday night, one at 493 Main Street (barn) and the other for the River Street Open Space subdivision project.

## **Dunstable Rural Land Trust**

Alan reported that the Sweet Conservation Restriction is in front of the state CR Reviewer. The McLoon property will soon have cattle grazing on the land.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously at 7:03pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, July 25 at 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission