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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2022

Approved: **August 28, 2023**

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

Members present: Juan Amodei, Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes, and Al Starbird

Members absent: Kate DeLoureiro and Tiffany Naughton

Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023

Al made a motion to approve, as submitted, the June 26th meeting minutes. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll

No Bills

Marijan made a motion to sign payroll. Leah 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Flat Rock Hill Farm – Mill Street

Heavy rain runoff has damaged the entrance drive onto the property and created washout gullies. There may be a need to bring in some additional fill material. Alan will contact Carl Shattuck for an estimate to repair the drive. He will request that grading be performed to try and prevent the Mill Street runoff from coming down the drive.

Stone Arch Bridge

Alan shared that a large tree on the property was recently struck by lightning and fell across the trail. Charlie Tully (owner of a large portion of the rail bed trail) had been out to perform trail work and cleared the remnants of the tree already. The Commission will issue a thank you note for his help.

L.A.N.D Grant/Morgan's Pond Site Visit Scheduled

Vanessa Farny, the Forest & Land Grant Program Manager for MA Division of Conservation Services, has requested a visit to Morgan's Pond on Friday, August 4th at 1:30pm. Alan will meet with her and tour the site. All DCC members are welcome to attend.



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0 River Street/Unkety Brook Development

The project for an 11 single-family cluster subdivision is proceeding as a MESA review by the state is in process. The new housing will take up 14 acres, with 72.5 acres going to MA Fish & Game.

Stewardship

Applications for grants require documentation of what the Commission is doing with the land that is protected. Stewardship can include trail maintenance, walking boundaries documentation, signage, community education programs, etc. We have several fields which are regularly mowed to maintain as pasture and for wildlife habitat. There is grant money available for wildlife maintenance.

The Commissioners are encouraged to capture nature photographs in town of wildlife or property use. Please forward to the Administrator who will retain for future grant applications.

Leah made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion seconded by Marijan. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, July 24th at 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Rock
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission