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Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Approved: **November 27, 2023**

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

Members present: Juan Amodei, Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes, Alan Chase, and Kate DeLoureiro

Members absent: Al Starbird

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 54 Hardy Street, Cormac Bordes

Representing the current owners, Mr. Bordes contacted the office by phone to inquire about securing the COC for this property. The Administrator had made an inquiry to the original builder responsible, Ken Tully, who confirmed that the Order of Conditions required wetland boundary signage had been installed.

Juan made a motion to approve of the Certificate of Compliance. Marijan 2nd the motion.
– Motion passed unanimously.

Members added their signatures to the WPA Form 8B – Certificate of Compliance for DEP file number 147-0301 and the 54 Hardy Street property.

2024 Mass Trails Grant Application Open

The Commission had applied to the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation for a Drew's Landing Boardwalk trail construction grant and was not awarded it for FY23. Alan reviewed the prior year's application background and funding requested. The Commission discussed reapplying with the same project, utilizing most of the same information from the FY23 application. Costs for steel and wood materials may have changed in the year since Hoyle Tanner provided the estimated construction costs. The Administrator will reach out to inquire with Hoyle Tanner for their insight into potential changes in construction costs.

Leah made a motion for the Commission to pursue applying for the Drew's Landing Boardwalk again for FY24. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Land Acquisition

The Commission discussed potential properties which may become available for purchase and conservation.



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Enforcement Order Status – 285 Pleasant St.

Leah confirmed that she's not seeing any work or preparation for such at the property upon her drives by. She noted that the approaching winter is a difficult time of year for any restoration work with exposed soils and the planned vegetation plantings. The owner's hired professionals were to contact the Commission to review the agreed upon restoration plan prior to work beginning.

The Administrator will issue an inquiry for status letter to the owner notifying him we are still pursuing the EO.

Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023

Leah made a motion to approve the October 23rd meeting minutes as presented. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

No Bills.

Alan Chase made a motion to sign payroll. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Building Permit Release Request – 75 Mill Street

The new property owners received their Special Permit approval for a Backland Lot from the Planning Board on October 16th. There are no wetland related concerns for the area of the proposed single-family dwelling to be constructed.

Leah made a motion to approve the Commissions sign-off of the Building Permit release. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Morgan's Pond Grant Awarded

The Town was notified of the award to receive up to \$37,793 in state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program assistance to support the purchase of the ~4.76-acre parcel on Mill Street which includes Morgan's Pond. The contracts are being signed by the appropriate Town parties and the Administrator will begin the required steps



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to secure the property. The DRLT will be holding the required Conservation Restriction for the Town.

Invasive Species on DCC Properties

Leah commented about a concern for invasives on the Flat Rock Conservation Area and other conservation properties. In particular, bittersweet is starting to take over at Flat Rock so a treatment to address and control it is needed.

Chair Alan will research for any grants to address invasive species and/or restoration and maintenance of trails.

Meeting Start Time Change

Leah inquired with the Commission about moving the start time for DCC meetings to begin at 6pm instead of 6:30. An agenda item to discuss and vote for a time change will go on the next meeting agenda.

Leah made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion seconded by Marijan. – Motion passed unanimously.

The Conservation Commission will meet next Monday, November 27th at 6:30pm, at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Rock
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission