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<u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, March 12, 2018</u>

Approved: March 26, 2018

Chairman Jeff Haight called the meeting to order at 6:30pm Members present: Juan Amodei, Leah Basbanes, Alan Chaney, Kieran Meehan and Bill Moeller Member absent: Marilyn Pike

Meeting held: at the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

Ken Litalien – 539 Forest Street – Discussion on Paving a Gravel Driveway

Mr. Litalien did not attend the meeting.

Ashley Tousignant – 167 Hardy Street – Discussion on Paving a Gravel Driveway

Ms. Tousignant explained that when she purchased her home in 2015 it had a gravel driveway. She would now like to have it paved. A drainage pipe under a section of the driveway helps with the flow of water from the wetlands. There is a closed Order of Conditions associated with the construction of the home, site work and driveway. There was discussion on types of surfaces used for driveways, which included asphalt, pervious asphalt (popcorn pavement) and Star Pack. After the discussion, the Commission told Ms. Tousignant that she could use regular asphalt from the house to the walkway. From the walkway to the street, she must use either pervious (popcorn) pavement or Star Pack. The Commission would like pictures of the finished driveway and a copy of the specifications of the product(s) she decides to use.

Meeting Minutes – February 26

Alan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

No bills submitted. Alan made a motion to sign the payroll. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Restriction – Bear Hill Estates

The Administrative Assistant explained that Attorney Melissa Robbins forwarded the final Bear Hill Estates Conservation Restriction (CR) for members to sign. The CR Reviewer, the State's legal department, and our Town Counsel approved the restriction. The Conservation Commission will be the holders of the restriction on the 20+ acres, which includes partial CR's on each individual lot. The Commission would like the developer to mark, using iron pipes or granite, the corner bounds of the restriction on each individual parcel. This will enable homeowners, now and in the future, to know exactly where the restriction begins. Alan made a



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motion to sign the Conservation Restriction for Bear Hill Estates. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Odor on Main Street

No update.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Administrative Assistant told members that she received a letter from Melissa Cryan (Division of Conservation Services) that the Open Space and Recreation plan was conditionally approved. Requested changes to the plan will be made and submitted for final review in the next couple of weeks.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Application Update

The Administrative Assistant explained that she and Alan were working on finalizing the Land Management plan. The Conservation Restriction (CR) will be signed tonight and passed on to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Once completed and approved by the State, she will instruct Town Counsel to do a title search and arrange for a closing date with Ms. Henry.

Frye Field Conservation Restriction (CR) Discussion

Joan Simmons attended the discussion. Alan talked about the importance of Frye field. He said that the property checks all the boxes for land conservation such as: protection of water resources (perennial stream/flood plain), protection of agricultural resources, property is a significant wildlife habitat area for box turtles, is one of the few wet meadows in town, beautiful vista, has a recreational aspect (trails to Goss Farm and the Town Forest), and has historical importance (Fletcher family homestead). The Community Preservation Committee will meet on Wednesday the 14 to vote on financially supporting the project. If approved, the Frye Field CR will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting this May.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Building Permits 33, 40, 46, 67, 71 and 73 Chapman Street

The Administrative Assistant presented six building permits for Chapman Street that were released by the Planning Board for signature. No wetlands are involved on the site. Alan made a motion to sign the permits. Bill 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:31pm. Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant - Dunstable Conservation Commission

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