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Conservation Commission Minutes Approved: July 9, 2018 **Monday, June 11, 2018**

Chairman Jeff Haight called the meeting to order at 6:28pm

Members present: Juan Amodei, Leah Basbanes, Alan Chaney, Kieran Meehan and Bill Moeller

Members absent: Marilyn Pike

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

<u>Trails and Future Bridges – Fire Chief Brian Rich</u>

Fire Chief Brian Rich explained that the Fire Department uses wood roads to access back land to fight fires. He said that at the Spaulding Proctor Reservation, access to the rear of the property is blocked due to the location of a bridge. He asked that the Commission keep him in mind when building ramps or bridges so he can give his input. He also suggested that the Town look into barricades that can be placed in the middle of trails. Emergency vehicles would be able to unlock the barricades to gain access to the trail, but cars would not. The barricades are costly at approximately \$500 apiece.

Eagle Scout Candidates – Alex Dai and Josh Mayer

Alex attended the meeting to talk with Alan Chaney about a Cemetery Commission project. Since there was still a quorum, Alan and Alex left the meeting. Josh told members that he chose to clear a parking area and install water bars on a trail off Sky Top Lane for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to clear an area approximately 30'-40' wide and 20' long, enough for 3-4 parking spots. Jeff Haight said that crushed stone or gravel might need to be brought in to define the parking area and keep the vegetation down. Jeff signed the paperwork approving the project. Members will meet Josh at the site on Thursday at 4pm in order to stake out the area. Kieran suggested that Josh contact a few of the neighbors to explain that he is working with the Conservation Commission.

Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2018

Leah made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting, with correction. Kieran 2^{nd} the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Jeff signed the Administrative Assistant's payroll.

Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant said that Attorney Brian Falk indicated that the passing might be this week. Once the property has been deeded to the Town, the sign will be installed and the reimbursement paperwork can be sent to the State



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Frye Field CR Update

The Administrative Assistant asked members to sign the application for the LAND grant. The application is due at the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs by July 12, 2018.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Conservation Restriction or Land Purchase Guidelines

Jeff asked that this topic be added to a future agenda for discussion. Members discussed that when the Commission intends to purchase a Conservation Restriction or buy a property outright, the landowner should meet with the entire Commission to discuss both party's expectations.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission