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# <u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, January 28, 2019</u>

Approved: February 11, 2019

Vice Chairman Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm Members present: Juan Amodei, Kieran Meehan and Bill Moeller Members absent: Tara Alcorn, Leah Basbanes and Jeff Haight Meeting held: at the Dunstable Town Hall – 511 Main Street-lower level – Grange Room

#### Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019

Juan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 14 meeting, as submitted. Kieran 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

### <u>493 Forest Street – Bertrand – Outbuilding Possibly Near Wetland</u>

The Conservation Commission sent Mr. Bertrand a letter asking him to attend the meeting. Alan announced that he would abstain from the discussion, turned the meeting over to Kieran and left the room. Kieran told Mr. Bertrand that the Commission is aware of a building on his property that could be within the wetland buffer zone. This property has a recorded Order of Conditions for a house, but not an outbuilding. Mr. Bertrand said that the outbuilding did not need review by the Commission since his farm (Sun Crest Farm) uses the building for farming equipment storage. He said the 40' x 50' building, at the closest point, is 66 feet away from the wetland. Members asked if they could go out to the site. Mr. Bertrand said "no" and expressed frustration that he had received a letter about the building.

#### Amend Plan and Extension of Order of Conditions – 157 Forest Street – Mitchell

Jeff Hannaford from Norse Design Services attended the meeting on behalf of Bill Mitchell. He asked the Commission if an amendment to the existing plan could be made to add a detached garage in the buffer zone. He explained that the area had already been cleared and graded. There was question as to whether the proposed building could be 8 feet shy of the 60 feet "no build" area. Mr. Hannaford will review the delineation and return on February 11 to discuss this further with the Commission.

#### **Bills/Payroll**

Bill made a motion to sign the MACC invoice (for Tara to attend classes) and payroll. Kieran 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Dog Sign for Conservation Properties**

Members reviewed the draft sign. Juan made a motion to approve the purchase of 25 signs. Bill  $2^{nd}$  the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The discussion on kiosk flyers will be at the next meeting.



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#### Sign for Frye Field Conservation Restriction

The Commission received word that they were awarded the LAND grant for Frye Field. A sign needs to be ordered. Since there were only four members in attendance, members decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss what should be on the sign.

## Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

#### **Maple Street Complaint**

A resident from Tyngsboro who lives at the end of Maple Street came by the office to ask about a neighbor's ice skating rink. She was told that the neighbor plans, at the end of winter, to pump the water into the wetlands. Members agreed that the water is clean water and will not have an impact on the wetlands. She also had asked about water running into her driveway from the lot closest to her property. Members asked the Administrative Assistant to notify the Highway Department, as this is not a Conservation issue.

Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission