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Conservation Commission Minutes Monday, February 11, 2019

Vice Chairman Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Members present: Tara Alcorn, Juan Amodei, Leah Basbanes and Bill Moeller

Members absent: Jeff Haight and Kieran Meehan

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

Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2019

Juan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 28 meeting, as submitted. Bill 2nd the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Amend Plan and Extension of Order of Conditions – 157 Forest Street – Mitchell</u>

Jeff Hannaford from Norse Design Services attended the meeting on behalf of Bill Mitchell. He explained that there is an active Order of Conditions on the property. The homeowner would like to build a detached garage in an area that would not require major excavation. Mr. Hannaford came before the Commission in hopes of modifying the approved plan to include the new garage. Wetlands, a knoll and steep slopes make it challenging to place the garage in other areas of the property. Members reviewed the plan and explained to Mr. Hannaford that the proposed site is approximately 30 feet from the replication area. The Town has a bylaw, which states that you cannot have a permanent structure within 60-feet of a wetland. Mr. Hannaford said that since the wetland is a replication and not naturally occurring, he thought measurements could be taken from the original wetland. Members explained that the replication is now a wetland with all the protections as the original; therefore, the proposed garage could not be approved as proposed.

Bills/Payroll

No bills. Alan signed the Administrative Assistant's payroll.

493 Forest Street - Bertrand - Discussion on Outbuilding Possibly Near Wetland

Since some members were not at the last meeting, they discussed the outbuilding at 493 Forest Street. There is concern that the building is within the 100-foot buffer zone. There is an open Order of Conditions for a house but not an outbuilding. Members need additional information in order to determine if the building is within the Commission's jurisdiction.

February 25 Meeting – No Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant told members that she could not be at the February 25 meeting. Members will still hold a meeting that day.

Approved: February 25, 2019



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Dog Signs for Kiosks

Tara offered to design a sign to for posting on kiosks regarding dogs and why the Conservation Commission has decided to implement a policy on leashing them.

Sign for Frye Field CR

Leah made a motion to have the Administrative Assistant order a sign for Frye Field. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Revise Bylaw

Leah has been revising the Town's Wetland Bylaw and asked if members would like to include isolated wetlands. They agreed saying that the town could lose important vernal pools if they were not protected. Alan mentioned including the delineation of wetlands on properties with permanent markers.

Russell CR

Alan and other members will get the GPS points for the Baseline Documentation for the Russell Conservation Restriction.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission