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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, May 20, 2019**

Approved: June 10, 2019

Vice Chairman Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
Members present: Tara Alcorn, Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes, Kieran Meehan and Juan Amodei

Member absent: Jeff Haight

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

Flat Rock Hill Conservation Area – Maria Amodei and Tim Joyce

Juan Amodei recused himself from the discussion. A year ago, Maria Amodei received approval from the Commission to pasture her sheep at the Flat Rock Hill Conservation area. This agreement has benefited the Commission by keeping the field mowed. Ms. Amodei also keeps her sheep at Mr. Joyce's neighboring property. She told members that she would like to run power to her fencing which means placing two wooden posts on Conservation property. She will bury the electrical wire. The posts will not interfere with public usage of our property and will not detract from any purpose for which we purchased the land. Work will be completed this summer. Tim Joyce supports Ms. Amodei's request. After the discussion, Leah made a motion to allow Ms. Amodei to place two posts (and buried electrical wire) at Flat Rock Hill. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with Juan abstaining.

Ms. Amodei and Mr. Joyce told members that cars are driving on the field. They suggested that the Conservation Commission block the field and remind the public to park in the designated parking area. Members will go out on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30am to look at the field.

Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2019

Kieran made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 6 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

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

Chair and Vice Chair for F.Y. 2020

Kieran made a motion nominating Alan Chaney as Chair and Leah Basbanes as Vice Chair for the next fiscal year. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Certificate of Compliance – 88 High Street – 147-134 – Christopher Sisemore

The Order of Conditions for the project was issued in 1994. Leah made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 88 High Street. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Re-appoint Juan Amodei to the Conservation Commission

Juan's appointment is up this year. With Juan's permission, Tara made a motion to notify the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission would like them to re-appoint Juan Amodei. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Community Preservation Member for F.Y. 2020

Kieran agreed to stay on as a member of the Community Preservation Committee. Leah made a motion to notify the Board of Selectmen. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

153 Hall Street – Jeff Rosen – Site Visit Results – Shed

No one from the Commission went out to the site. Leah said she would stop by this week. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Update on Palakavong Additional Tree Removal – 26 Massapoag Way

Mr. Palakavong contacted the office regarding additional trees that his tree service suggested removing because they are in danger of hitting his house. Leah went out to the site and agreed. The Administrative Assistant mailed a letter to Mr. Palakavong letting him know he could remove the additional trees.

493 Forest Street – Bertrand – Site Visit

Mr. Bertrand stopped by the office and gave Monday, June 10 at 5:30pm for members to go out to the site to inspect the area subjected to the Order of Conditions.

23 Massapoag Way – Ken Tully – Site Visit

Leah met Ken Tully and Jeff Hannaford at 23 Massapoag Way to discuss the erosion issue at the site. They will come up with a plan to address the problem. Leah told members that she was incorrect about the paved driveway. It was actually compacted stone dust. Mr. Tully will apply for a Certificate of Compliance once he has corrected the erosion problem.

Frye CR Grant Update

Alan explained that the title examiner hired by Town Counsel discovered a potential problem with the title for the Frye parcel. This issue will require Mr. Frye to file a document with the Probate Court. The property must close by June 30, and the state gave the town an additional two weeks to get their reimbursement paperwork filed.



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Sweet's Pond CR

Alan told members that Ernest Sweet contacted the Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT) regarding selling a Conservation Restriction (CR) on his 15-acre parcel located between Sweet's Pond and Salmon Brook. The lot is gravel, high, dry and turtle habitat. The appraisal came in at \$180,000 (\$200,000 less the agricultural value of \$20,000). The Trust decided that although the parcel is one worth protecting, the ongoing McLoon expenses have made it difficult for them to spend \$95,000 (partnership grant would be for \$85,000) at this time. Alan discussed applying for a LAND grant that would cover, if approved, \$108,000. That would leave \$72,000 of which \$30,000 would come from the open-space part of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), \$10,000 from Timber money and \$32,000 from unreserved CPA funding. Alan asked members if they were interested in pursuing a grant application. Leah said the Open Space Plan specifically states that a goal is to acquire greenways along Salmon Brook (there is 1,650 feet of frontage on the Brook). In addition, Salmon Brook is the source of the town's water and it is important to protect ground water aquifers and critical recharge areas. Alan will have a discussion with Fish and Game to see if they are interested in purchasing the CR. If not, the Commission will apply for a LAND grant. Leah made a motion to proceed with a grant application. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Dumont ANRAD

The Administrative Assistant reminded members that they will have an ANRAD hearing at their next meeting.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
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Dunstable Conservation Commission