

# OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET

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# <u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> Monday, April 24, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Jeff Haight

Members present: Judy Larter, Juan Amodei, Marilyn Pike, Bill Moeller, Leah Basbanes and Alan Changy

Chaney

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

#### Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2017

Judy made a motion to approve the April 10th meeting minutes as written. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Bills/Payroll**

No bills. Bill made a motion to sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll slip. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Results of 4 Linwood Lane Site Visit – Work in Backyard - Brian Green

Leah, Alan and Bill met Mr. Green at his residence. Mr. Green had attended the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to ask for advice regarding leveling of the area in front of his back door. Mr. Green didn't have a specific plan on exactly how much work he intended to do so he was advised that once he decided on the particulars of the project, he should come back to the Commission so they can advise him on whether or not he will need to file a Notice of Intent.

## Results of 18 Massapoag Way Site Visit - Tree Removal - Crocker Property

Leah, Alan and Bill went out to the site where Ms. Crocker's daughter had tagged some trees that she would like to remove. Commission members asked that she attend the next meeting to discuss the site visit.

## Results of 461 Forest Street Site Visit - Tree Removal - Dennis Chartier

Mr. Chartier met Leah, Alan and Bill at the site. While comparing plans during the visit, it was discovered that the Planning Board plan showed a culvert and stream on the property that the Conservation plan did not. That information changes the wetland from non-jurisdictional to jurisdictional. As a jurisdictional wetland, the Wetland Protection Act applies. The Commission received inaccurate information at the hearing and would like to know how Ross Associates could omit the information on the NOI plan. The Commission will request that a representative of Ross Associates attend the next Conservation Commission meeting to explain how this happened and what can be done to rectify it. Members are concerned about protecting the rights of the owners of the four lots impacted by this discovery.

Approved: May 9, 2017



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### **Motorcycles on Stone Arch Bridge Conservation Area**

The Conservation Commission asked the Administrative Assistant to thank the resident for notifying us about the issue with motorcycles driving illegally on the Stone Arch Bridge Conservation Area. They asked that the resident call the Police Department the next time they notice motorized vehicles in that area. This is an ongoing problem for the Commission.

#### **Woods Parcel Tax Form 8283**

The Administrative Assistant told members that the Vice Chairman signed the tax form for the Wood's donation of 10 acres to the Conservation Commission

#### **Westford Street Grant Application Update**

Alan left the room. The Administrative Assistant told the remaining members that she received a phone call from Town Counsel with some questions for the Commission in regard to the Conservation Restriction for Westford Street. Once the CR has been revised and approved by Ms. Chaney/her attorney, the new document will be sent to the CR Reviewer.

### **Kendall Cranberry Bog Grant Application**

The Administrative Assistant told members that Jeff took pictures of the parcel which will be used in the Annual Town Meeting presentation and in the application to the state. Residents will vote on May 8<sup>th</sup> on whether or not to purchase the property on the condition the town receives a LAND grant.

# May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Annual Town Meeting

The Administrative Assistant brought up that the next meeting falls on the night of the Annual Town Meeting. Members decided to hold a meeting the following day, Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

# Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

#### **Mosquito Control**

The Town Administrator received an email regarding joining other towns with mosquito control. Members said that they have no interest in doing so.

Bill made a motion to close the meeting at 7:29pm. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Dunstable Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:30pm at the Dunstable Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann - Administrative Assistant, Dunstable Conservation Commission