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Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, June 24, 2019**

Approved: July 8, 2019

Chairman Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Members present: Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes and Juan Amodei

Member absent: Jeff Haight, Kieran Meehan and Tara Alcorn

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

Building Permit – 31 River Street - David Tully III

Mr. Tully requested a signature on his building permit for 31 River Street. No wetlands are located on the property. Leah made a motion to sign the permit. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Invasive Weed Species Discussion - All Habitat – Massapoag Pond

David Roach attended the meeting to update the Commission on the 2018 treatment of invasive weeds on Massapoag Pond, and to propose additional treatment of another invasive weed. The current Order of Conditions included treatment of Eurasian Milfoil and Fanwort. Although the treatment was successful, an abundance of Curlyleaf Pondweed has been discovered. All Habitat is asking the Conservation Commission for a modification of the Order to include the usage of diquat dibromide, a foliar contact herbicide. All Habitat notified the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program who responded in a letter dated June 21, 2019. They commented that use of the chemical is not permitted between August 19, 2019 and December 31, 2019. When asked, Mr. Roach responded that diquat dibromide has no impact on animals, and will not affect residents fishing or swimming in the pond. There will be a 3-day drinking ban and a 5-day restriction on irrigation. Mr. Roach stated that there should not be any impact on Lower Massapoag. After the discussion, Leah made a motion to modify the existing Order of Conditions to include use of diquat dibromide on Massapoag Pond as long as All Habitat follows the conditions set by the June 21, 2019 letter from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on 23 Massapoag Way - Order of Conditions (OOC) – Andrew Spanos

Mr. Spanos asked to speak to members regarding his Order of Conditions. Some items in the Order are still outstanding; therefore, a Certificate of Compliance will not be issued until they have been completed. The builder met with Leah over a month ago to discuss the items but he has not started to work on them. Mr. Spanos asked if the Commission would be willing to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for the items that have been completed. It was noted that two of the items not done, would not be: the primary and expansion trenches must be flipped to keep the leaching area out of the buffer zone, and the structure was built closer to the buffer zone than approved. After the discussion, Leah made a motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 23 Massapoag Way with the understanding that a full COC will be issued after



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the completion of items 1, 3, 16, 17, 21 and stabilization of the stream bank. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2019

Juan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 10 meeting. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Leah made a motion to sign the bills and payroll. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Result of Site Visit – 257 Pleasant Street – Possible work in culvert - Gelineau

Leah and Alan had gone out to the site to meet the homeowner. He explained that when the water table under the culvert on his property was low, there was an odor so he blocked the culvert to keep the water from leaving. Leah asked him not to do that in the future. As far as the complaint that he was spreading materials on his property, Mr. Gelineau stated that the materials were actually from a neighbor who dumped them onto his. Both Leah and Alan said there was no violation.

Frye CR Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant mentioned that once we receive the Conservation Restriction, it will be filed at the North Middlesex Registry of Deeds and the check to Mr. Frye will be released. The Commission has been granted a two-week extension to forward their paperwork to the state for reimbursement.

Sweet's Pond CR

Leah did not participate in the discussion on the Sweet's Pond CR. Alan told members that the Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously in support of the purchase of a Conservation Restriction on the Sweet's Pond parcel. Alan will meet with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, June 25. The grant application will be mailed before the July 11 deadline.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

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