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## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **Monday, August 26, 2019**

Approved: September 9, 2019

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

### **Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019**

Leah made a motion to approve the July 8 meeting minutes, as submitted. Tara 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
– Motion passed unanimously.

### **Bills/Payroll**

Leah made a motion to sign the invoice for the Nashua River Watershed membership. Marijan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Leah brought up that Tara has taken over membership on the Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council.

Alan told members that he had asked Cover Lawn Care to mow the Stone Arch Bridge parking field. The invoice is \$200, which he suggested, be paid out of the Conservation Land Fund. Leah made a motion to pay the invoice. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Leah made a motion to sign payroll. Tara 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Alan brought up that he also asked John Cover to mow the Unkety Woods area. In the meantime, an email received from a resident pointed out that there is milkweed in that area with monarch butterfly larvae. Alan asked Mr. Cover to hold off on mowing. Leah will look into when the butterflies will hatch before it is determined when mowing shall take place.

### **Off Pond Street Complaint**

A resident called the office complaining that a neighbor on Off Pond Street parked their boat trailers near wetlands. A member went out to the site and explained to the rest of the Commission that there is no violation. The trailers are on top of the embankment near the wetlands but have no effect on them. The property they sit on is privately owned.

### **Vacancy on the Conservation Commission**

Members discussed that with the passing of Jeff Haight, the Conservation Commission has a vacancy. Juan suggested that maybe someone from the farming community would have an interest in joining the Commission.



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## **Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda**

### **Turtle E-Mail**

The Administrative Assistant told members that she received an email from Darcy Donald (Groton Turtle Conservation). She said that an observer witnessed ten turtle hatchling carcasses on Library property. Most died of exposure. She suggested that the Planning Board request developers put Cape Cod curbing or escape areas for the hatchlings.

### **Capital Projects**

The Commission received a request from the Town Administrator asking if they expect to have any capital projects coming up in the next few years. Members said that they do not have any projects at this time, but may in the future.

### **341 Forest Street – Kevin Dumont**

Leah explained that Mr. Dumont planned to attend the last meeting that ended up cancelled. Members asked the Administrative Assistant to send Mr. Dumont a letter inviting him to the September 9 meeting.

### **Associate Member**

Alan told members that although Bill Moeller is no longer a member of the Conservation Commission, he would like to have him appointed as an Associate Member due to his particular expertise in Conservation. An Associate Member is non-voting however can contribute to the discussion at meetings. Juan made a motion to appoint Bill as an Associate Member. Marijan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Update – McLoon Estate**

Alan reported that the Dunstable Rural Land Trust hopes to be through probate in October of this year. He also said that restoration of the fields is underway as well as the barn repair due to the lightning strike from earlier this summer.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:07pm. Tara 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Administrative Assistant  
Dunstable Conservation Commission