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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2019

Approved: October 21, 2019

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

Members present: Tara Alcorn, Kieran Meehan, Marijan Andacic, Leah Basbanes and Associate Member Bill Moeller

Member absent: Juan Amodei

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

In-Ground Pool Discussion – 36 Parkhurst Street - Jeff Hannaford

The resident at 36 Parkhurst Street contacted Jeff Hannaford looking to determine if a small depression on their property is a jurisdictional wetland. Mr. Hannaford hired Susan McArthur, a wetland specialist from McArthur Environmental Consulting, who determined that the area is not an isolated land subject to flooding. Mr. Hannaford asked to meet with the Commission to discuss putting a pool in/near the area. In the meantime, members Alan Chaney and Leah Basbanes met Mr. Hannaford out at the site where they determined that it is an isolated wetland, estimated to be 750 square feet. Under our new bylaw, passed at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2019, the Conservation Commission protects isolated wetlands. After the site visit, Mr. Hannaford asked to postpone his discussion with the Commission.

Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019

Leah made a motion to approve the September 9 meeting minutes, with correction. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

None

Drainage Issues – 341 Forest Street - Kevin Dumont

Leah, Alan and Bill met Mr. Dumont at the site. The area Mr. Dumont spoke to members about at the last meeting was determined to be a wetland. Members recommended that Mr. Dumont stop mowing the area and let vegetation grow to keep it from eroding. Currently, the area is stable.

Special Permit Notification Form – Marijuana Cultivation Facility

Members discussed the Special Permit filing, determining that there are no wetlands involved in the project.

October 14 Holiday

Members decided that they would meet on October 21 at 6:30pm.



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Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Blanchard Hill – Campsite

Members discussed the chairs, tarps, fire ring and tent on top of Blanchard Hill. Although the area is open to the public to enjoy, no one may spend the night, have fires or leave their belongings. Some members will go out to the site and look at what is out there.

Forest Cutting Plans

Two forest cutting plans submitted for Lauren Chaney and Alan Chaney on Westford Street were discussed.

Solar Overlay District

The Planning Board will be holding a hearing on Monday, October 7 to discuss whether to recommend passage of a Solar Overlay District.

Well Field – 711 Main Street

Alan and Leah met the construction team at the well road to discuss the water project. Currently the road to the well site is narrow and curvy. Correcting that to allow large trucks to bring chemical out to the site will be part of the project. Leah instructed the crew on properly installing the erosion control and what trees can be removed.

Bill Moeller

Bill handed out objectives regarding a Global Climate regulatory bill focused on our local climate conditions. Members will review and discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Question

Kieran said that a resident asked him why dog waste must be picked up when horse waste does not. Alan explained that dogs eat meat products while horses are not carnivores so their droppings do not harbor worms or bacteria. Horse manure breaks down easily.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:08pm. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
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Dunstable Conservation Commission