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### Meeting Held via Zoom

This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 845 8088 9304

## **Conservation Commission Minutes** **Monday, June 22, 2020**

Approved: July 12, 2020

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

Members present: Tara Alcorn, Marijan Andacic, Al Starbird, and Leah Basbanes

### **Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2020**

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

### **Bills/Payroll**

Al made a motion to approve the invoices for office supplies. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Tara made a motion to approve payroll. Al 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **517 Groton Street – Montague – Tree Removal**

Alan reported that he met with Mr. Montague who explained that he hired Dave Nichol to cut down trees on his property. Alan said there are no wetland issues with the removal of the trees, but asked Mr. Montague to make sure that the trees did not fall into the wetlands.

### **Update on Enforcement Order – Kemp Street – Palumbo**

Leah will go by the site and report to the Commission on the progress of the contractor.

### **Emery Grant Update**

The Administrative Assistant said that she would mail the grant application to EOEEA next week.

### **River Street Possible Fill Violation**

A Conservation Commission member from Pepperell reported a possible fill violation on River Street (4-house subdivision). Alan walked the area but did not see a problem. He asked the Administrative Assistant to pull the subdivision plan, but it did not show wetlands in that vicinity.

### **Borrego Solar Blodgett Street Email from Tyngsboro Conservation Commission**

Alan went out to the site and reported that everything looked in order.

### **Update from All Habitat Services on Invasive Species in Massachusetts**

David Roach from All Habitat joined the meeting to discuss his letter of June 8, 2020 regarding treating Massapoag Pond for invasive species. During a pre-treatment survey, heavy Curly Leaf



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Pondweed was found as well as a small amount of Eurasian Watermilfoil. All Habitat plans to treat the invasive and nuisance vegetation with Diquat dibromide again, focusing only on 40 acres in the Towns of Dunstable and Tyngsborough. Mr. Roach said that they have not seen Fanwort as of yet. There are Water Chestnuts, but the invasion is limited and they should be able to pull them. The objective is to eradicate the invasive vegetation to allow the native flora to flourish. Leah asked if they plan on supplemental plantings. Mr. Roach said that the plan is to rely on the native plants taking over the area.

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

#### **Rain Barrel Program**

The Administrative Assistant told members that she worked Friday and Saturday with the Conservation Agents from the Towns of Tyngsborough and Pepperell selling and loading over 50 rain barrels to residents.

#### **Gelineau – 257 Pleasant Street – Filling of Wetlands**

A site visit has been set up for Thursday at 1pm with Mr. Gelineau.

#### **Stone Arch Bridge**

Although AI removed much of the debris at the Stone Arch Bridge, the Commission received an email with pictures that additional materials are clogging the area under the bridge. Although there is a boulder obstructing the flow of the brook, members determined that it would not be easily removed.

#### **Blanding's Turtle**

Alan told members that he found a flattened Blanding's Turtle near a wetland on Groton Street. He took pictures and will report the siting.

#### **Kieran Meehan Resignation**

After elected to the Board of Selectmen, Kieran resigned from the Conservation Commission. A few people have shown interest in joining the Commission. Members would like to get a "resume" from the candidates, which would include their interests in relation to Conservation. The Administrative Assistant will contact them prior to the next meeting.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:12pm. Marijan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann – Administrative Assistant to the Dunstable Conservation Commission