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Meeting Held via Zoom

This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 968 794 1016

<u>Conservation Commission Minutes</u> <u>Monday, July 13, 2020</u>

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

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

Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2020

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the June 22 meeting minutes. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll - None

<u> 253 Pleasant Street – Godiejka</u>

Mr. Godiejka did not (as requested by Conservation) send in his Request for Determination for work he completed within the 100' buffer zone; namely vegetation removal and placement of concrete blocks. Members asked the Administrative Assistant to send him another letter.

257 Pleasant Street – Gelineau

Tara, Alan and Marijan went out and met with Mr. Gelineau. The fill indicated in the June 11 letter was still on site; however, Mr. Gelineau agreed to remove it. He also told members that he has a right to make a path along the boundary line between his property and Mr. Godiejka's.

Discussion on Conservation Commission Candidates

Two applicants are interested in filling Kieran's position. Both are strong candidates that would add a lot to the Commission. After a short discussion, members decided to offer the position to Kate DeLoureiro. They would also like to offer an Associate Member position to Tiffany Naughton with the hope that she will become a full member in the future.

<u> Update on Enforcement Order – Kemp Street – Palumbo</u>

Leah went out to the site. She indicated that the area was growing in nicely, however, there is still a stockpile of debris that needs to be pulled out of the wetland area. Alan will call the contractor to see when he will have the materials removed.

Emery Grant Update

The Administrative Assistant told members that the grant was received by EOEEA a week before the July 15 deadline. A site visit will be scheduled late summer with a decision on whether the project will be awarded funding in late fall.

Approved: July 27, 2020



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Flat Rock Maintenance (brush cutting/mowing)

Alan and Tony Longo (Longo Landscaping) walked Blanchard Hill/Flat Rock. Tony gave Alan an estimate of \$500 to mow the top of Blanchard Hill field and \$700 to do some brush cutting on the western slope. Al made a motion to spend no more than \$1,500 out of the Conservation Fund to complete the work. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Alan also mentioned that there is additional work Tony will be estimating; repairing the roadway, water bars and removing trees that block the view. The Commission hopes to transfer Town Forest timber money to the Conservation Fund at a future Special Town Meeting in order to have the funds to complete those projects.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

E-Mail from Danielle Mucciarone – Forest Cutting Activity in Dunstable

The Administrative Assistant forwarded an email to members from the Conservation Agent in Tyngsboro. She said a forestry project in Dunstable has left dirt all over Cummings Road in Tyngsboro. Leah stopped by the site and agreed that the road was a mess. Members said that whoever is doing the forest cutting should fix the problem.

E-Mail from Mike Roberts – 101 Adam Street – Tree Removal

Mr. Roberts emailed the Commission regarding the removal of trees on his property. Although he is not aware of any wetland issues, he wants to ensure that he does not run into any problems. Alan will contact Mr. Roberts and run out to the site.

Top of Blanchard Hill

Alan, Tara and Marijan walked to the top of Blanchard Hill to check out the debris/camp. Although it does not appear that anyone is living at the site, Alan said that we will need to eventually speak to whomever has placed the materials on our property.

Blanding's Turtles

Leah said the three Blanding's turtle siting reports she submitted were accepted.

Motion was made, second and passed to close the meeting at 7:05pm. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 27 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann - Administrative Assistant for the Dunstable Conservation Commission