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Meeting Held via Zoom

This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 828 3148 0760

Conservation Commission Minutes **Monday, August 10, 2020**

Approved: August 24, 2020

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Members present: Tara Alcorn, Juan Amodei and Leah Basbanes

Members absent: Marijan Andacic, Al Starbird, Kate DeLoureiro and Associate Member Tiffany Naughton

Ron Keohane – Tyngsboro Trails

Mr. Keohane, a Tyngsboro Selectmen and trail steward, maintains the trails in the Town of Tyngsboro. He attended the meeting to ask if the Dunstable Conservation Commission would be interested in collaborating with Tyngsboro to extend trails from one town into the other. Mainly, he is interested in connecting Shady Glade to the Bahsler and English properties. Members decided to meet on Wednesday, August 19 at 9am to walk the properties to see how viable it would be to connect the trails.

Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2020

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the July 27 meeting minutes. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills/Payroll

Tara made a motion to sign the payroll. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan told members that the clearing on Blanchard Hill has been completed. The Commission agreed to spend \$1,500. The bill came in at \$1,700. Leah made a motion to spend the additional \$200 from the Conservation Fund. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Tree Removal - 101 Adam Street – Mike Roberts

Alan met Mr. Roberts out at the site. Alan told members that there are ten trees located near the wetlands, very close to Mr. Roberts's house. Alan said removing the trees could be accomplished without negative impact to the wetlands. He told Mr. Roberts that he could grind the stumps but not remove them. He also asked Mr. Roberts to contact the office once he chose a company and the work was scheduled.

Cabana/Pergola - 432 River Street – Tim Belanger

Tara and Alan went out to the site. The backyard is flat, sandy and there will not be any negative impact to the wetland. Mr. Belanger does not need to file with Conservation.



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69 Westford Street – Jim Fraser – Sunroom

All work is outside of the wetland buffer. Mr. Fraser does not need to file with Conservation.

253 Pleasant Street – Godiejka

Mr. Godiejka's deadline is August 14.

257 Pleasant Street – Gelineau

The Commission received an email from Mr. Gelineau where he explained about the runoff from Pleasant Street. Members agreed that it seems as though water from the road is running into his property. If a catch basin were relocated, that would seem to take care of the problem; however, Mr. Gelineau indicated that the Highway Department has not been willing to make the repairs to fix his issue. Mr. Gelineau did agree to remove the soil he placed on the edge of the bank, but he disagrees with the July 28 letter regarding the path that accesses the rear portion of his land. Alan will discuss this with Chief Dow and report back to members.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Illegal Campsite – Blanchard Hill

Tara brought up concerns that leaving the illegal campsite could cause future problems. She would like to see the campsite removed sooner than later. Alan will speak with Chief Dow.

Annual Town Meeting – July 30, 2020

Alan said he was pleased with the unanimous support that the Emery property received at the Annual Town Meeting. Alan walked the site with Nathaniel Thomas from EOEEA. Mr. Thomas indicated eighteen projects have requested funding.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:22pm. Tara second the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 24 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
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Dunstable Conservation Commission