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Meeting Held via Zoom
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 863 3125 8299

Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2020

Approved: November 2, 2020

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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

Members absent: Kate DeLoureiro and Associate Member Tiffany Naughton

Discussion with Massapoag Rod & Gun Club - Fees

Barbara Blanco and Brian Weilbrenner attended. Ms. Blanco asked if the Commission would waive the town's fees associated with the Notice of Intent since the project has to do with the dam to Massapoag Pond. Marijan made a motion to waive the town's portion of the fees. Juan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be November 2 at 6pm

Meeting Minutes of October 13 Meeting

Juan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the October 13 meeting minutes. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll - None

Results of Site Visit – Clearing Trails at Area Behind Swallow Union School

Marijan, Alan and Kate met Nicole Pelletier to walk the area behind Swallow Union Elementary School. Ms. Pelletier thought it would be a good project to have the 4th graders neaten up the existing trails. There is a bridge in the area that needs replacement. That could be a future Eagle Scout project. Marijan made a motion to allow Ms. Pelletier's group to improve the trail system behind the Swallow Union School. Tara 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Results of Site Visit – 20 Swallow Lane – Removal of Trees

Alan and Leah met Ms. White at the site. Alan and Leah discussed removal of the marked trees except for the very large white oak that is shading the brook. Removing that tree could cause a stabilization issue with the embankment. Leah said they could remove the lowest limb on the oak that goes toward the house. The Whites cannot stump any of the trees; however, they may grind the stumps. In addition, the two piles of grass clippings and brush behind the shed must be removed from the area. Only natural vegetation from the bottom to the top is allowed on the embankment. Leah made a motion to send a letter to the homeowners. Al 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Motion made, second and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 6:52pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, November 2 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission