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Meeting Held via Zoom  
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 813 4353 6165

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, November 9, 2020**

Approved: November 23, 2020

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Members present: Leah Basbanes, Juan Amodei, Kate DeLoureiro, Al Starbird and Associate Member Tiffany Naughton

Members absent: Marijan Andacic and Tara Alcorn

**Notice of Intent Hearing continuation - Massapoag Rod & Gun Club – Off Pond Street**

Barbara Blanco and Brian Weilbrenner from the Massapoag Rod & Gun Club attended. The Conservation Commission was waiting to receive the DEP file number and updated plan from the Rod & Gun Club. Both have been received. DEP File # 147-0307. Leah said that when planting the edge of the riverbank, the Rod & Gun Club should use plants with a good root structure to help stabilize the soil. No one in attendance had a question or comment. Juan made a motion to close the hearing. Al 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Leah made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with additional special conditions:

- a. Follow the “Proposed Erosion Control and Planning Plan” for Massapoag Pond Dam – Lenart Consulting Service, Inc. – Chicopee, MA, dated September 2020.
- b. The plantings on the edge of the riverbank shall be native plants chosen with the guidance of the Conservation Commission.

Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes of November 2**

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

**Bills and Payroll –**

Alan explained that he asked John Cover to mow the Unkety Woods Conservation area as he has done in past years. While at the site, Alan noticed an additional area near the bridge that needed work. The invoice came in at \$1,000. Al made a motion to pay the invoice out of the Conservation Fund. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. - Motion passed unanimously.

Leah made a motion to sign payroll. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Flat Rock Hill Sign**

The posts at Flat Rock Hill rotted causing the sign to fall over. Al and Leah agreed to use a couple of 4x4s to repair the sign.



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### **Main Street – Alfred Drew Property**

Alan told members that Alfred Drew is interested in selling an acre of land abutting Salmon Brook. This parcel has 138 ft. of frontage on Main Street, abuts the brook and touches the Emery property. He said that the public could use the parking area to access the Emery property.

The appraisal, done a few years ago, came in at \$27,500. Mr. Drew has agreed to sell the land to the Conservation Commission for that price. Alan said that there is over \$40,000 in the Town Timber Fund to purchase the land. An article will need to be placed on the Town Meeting warrant to approve the expenditure. Al made a motion to move forward with placing an article on the warrant to purchase the property. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Alan also discussed the remaining \$14,000 in the Timber account saying that he would like to put forth another article moving the balance of the account into the Conservation Fund. The Commission would then be able to use the funds to build a bridge from the Drew property to the Emery property, continue working on Blanchard Hill and develop a map booklet of Conservation properties. Kate made a motion to support that article. Al 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Emery LAND Grant**

Cheryl told members that the State awarded the Emery project with a LAND grant of almost \$193,000.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:09pm. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, November 23 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
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Dunstable Conservation Commission