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Meeting Held via Zoom  
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 816 2777 7984

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, December 28, 2020**

Approved: January 11, 2021

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

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

**Meeting Minutes of December 14**

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the December 14 meeting minutes. Marijan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills and Payroll –**

Juan made a motion to pay the \$600 title search invoice for the Emery property. Marijan 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.

**Flat Rock Hill Usage after Dark**

Lori Joyce attended the meeting. Ms. Joyce sent the Commission an email regarding usage of Flat Rock Hill Conservation area after dark. Alan went out to the property and noticed that the posted sign refers to “no overnight camping”. Members agreed to post a sign stating that the Conservation area is “closed from dusk to dawn, police take notice”. Alan said the Commission should post signs at the Stone Arch Bridge area, Blanchard Hill and Unkety Woods also. Leah reported that the Highway Department has agreed to plow the entrance down to the parking area of Flat Rock but needs some lower branches pruned. Alan will meet with Tim or Lori Joyce so the Commission is clear on where the property line is located.

**Emery LAND Grant Update**

The Administrative Assistant reported that she emailed the Conservation Restriction (CR), reviewed by Town Counsel, to John Gioia and Denise Pires. She also mentioned that she listed the property in the Central Registry for the beginning of January. The sign will be ordered stating the property’s name “Emery Woods”.

**Drew Parcel – Special Town Meeting**

A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2021. The Commission hopes that the Drew parcel purchase will be on the warrant. The purchase price is \$27,500 with the funds coming from the Timber Fund. There was discussion on educating residents about the purchase and the fact that the money exists in the Timber account, no CPA funds will be used, Conservation Commission Minutes – December 28, 2020



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and there is no tax burden to residents. One reason to place the article on the warrant now instead of the spring Annual Town Meeting is easier access to the Emery parcel. There is already parking on the Drew parcel that borders the Emery land. Currently there is no access to the Emery property from High Street. In order to create a parking area, there would need to be tree removal and expensive site work done.

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

#### **Resignation of Member Tara Alcorn**

Tara resigned from the Conservation Commission, effective immediately. Alan asked Tiffany if she would like to become a member of the Conservation Commission. Currently she is an Associate Member. She agreed. The Commission will ask the Board of Selectmen to appoint Tiffany at their January 5 meeting.

#### **Lower Dam Project**

Alan said that he went to check out the Lower Dam project. The concrete and earthwork was completed however, there are two piles of slash. Members asked the Administrative Assistant to contact Barbara Blanco to ask where they stand on the project.

Juan made a motion to close the meeting at 7:12pm. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, January 11 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Administrative Assistant  
Dunstable Conservation Commission