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Meeting Held via Zoom This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 838 4182 9488

Conservation Commission Minutes Monday, January 25, 2021

Approved: February 8, 2021

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present: Leah Basbanes, Juan Amodei, Marijan Andacic, Al Starbird, Kate DeLoureiro and Tiffany Naughton

Meeting Minutes of January 11

Marijan made a motion to approve, as submitted, the January 11 meeting minutes. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll -

No bills. Al made a motion to sign payroll. Marijan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Results of Site Visit to Chartier – 461 Forest Street – Stump Removal</u>

Leah, Kate, Marijan and Alan met Mr. Chartier at his property to discuss stump removal near the 100-foot wetland buffer. Members decided that Mr. Chartier could remove two of the raised stumps, but must grind the remainder. Mr. Chartier is to keep machinery on the west side, away from the wetlands. Alan will drive by the site to check on his progress.

Results of Site Visit to Flat Rock Hill – Joe and Gus VLcek

Leah, Kate, Marijan and Alan met the VLcek's at Flat Rock Hill and then walked up to the area that Joe and Gus would like to clear. The existing trail is overgrown and narrow. The VLcek's would like to clean up the trail to make it more useable and connect it to a white trail.

Since the entrance to Flat Rock encompasses private property, Leah suggested that the Commission hire a surveyor. Once surveyed, members can reroute the entrance. Leah made a motion to hire Surveyor David DeBay. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Emery LAND Grant/CR

The Administrative Assistant explained that the Conservation Restriction is still in the review process with the Dunstable Rural Land Trust. The Commission also has not received the signed paperwork back from the State.

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Drew Land Purchase

Alan told members that the Planning Board, at their last meeting, signed off the ANR plan. The Board also unanimously voted in favor of supporting the article to purchase the Drew parcel at an upcoming Town Meeting.

Unkety Woods Sign

Al brought up that the sign at Unkety Woods is in need of replacement. Members will set up a time to go out to the site.

Turtle Crossing Signs

Juan told members that some towns use turtle crossing signs different from the "Wildlife Crossing" signs the Conservation Commission uses. These signs have just a picture of a turtle, making it very visible from the road. He suggested that the Commission look into purchasing that type of sign in the future.

Leah made a motion to close the meeting at 7:00pm. Al 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, February 8 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Conservation Commission