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Meeting Held via Zoom
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 829 5765 0547

Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, June 28, 2021

Approved: July 12, 2021

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

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

Member absent: Marijan Andacic

Notice of Intent Hearing continuation – Route 113 Project – Highway Department

Eric Carlson was present for continued discussion on the Rte. 113 project. The DEP has comments regarding the stream crossing and it not meeting Stream Crossing Standards. Mr. Carlson addressed those comments to the Board, explaining that the project is a Limited Project and only has to meet standards to the extent practicable. He further explained the field conditions in determining the bank full width up and down stream and that they were determined by survey. To meet Standards, the culvert would have to be 18' wide, essentially a bridge and that is not feasible. As designed, the culvert will be twice as wide as what is there now, will meet 50-year storm, and does have some runoff treatment in the catch basins/small detention basins. This is a big improvement over current conditions. Mr. Carlson was asked to write a letter to the DEP responding to their comments and to copy the board. Motion to close public hearing made by Al Starbird, second by Kate. All voted in favor. Question was asked about the trees being protected during the project, and Mr. Carlson assured the board that they will be armored and snow fence installed. Those to remain will be marked.

Motion to approve the NOI and issue an OOC made by Kate, seconded by Juan. All voted in favor to approve and issue.

Plan approved: Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Main Street (Route 113) – Dunstable MA – by BSC Group dated May 2021

Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021

Tiffany made a motion to approve, as submitted, the June 14 meeting minutes. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll -

Juan made a motion to approve a bill for \$1,400 to pay Carl Shattuck for doing work at the Drew property by removing fill and expanding the opening of the path; as well as re-grading the logging road at the Town Forest. Tiffany 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Tiffany made a motion to sign payroll. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.



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Continuation of Zoom Meetings

Discussion on whether to continue meetings by zoom or in person- no decision made yet. Perhaps do the first meeting of the month in person and second one on Zoom. Leah and Tiffany will not be available for the July 12 meeting. This will be held by Zoom.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Goss Solar Farm

The erosion control that was inhibiting turtle movement has been removed. 72-acres was set aside for the turtle habitat as part of the project.

River Street

Solar project not going forward at this point because the rebate program that Sunpower applied to learned that the land is considered Prime Agricultural soil by the NRCS and will not approve the project.

Motion to adjourn by Leah, seconded by Al at 7:18 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, July 12 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Basbanes