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Meeting Held via Zoom
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 832 7280 3510

Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021

Approved: October 19, 2021

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
Members present: Juan Amodei, Al Starbird, Leah Basbanes, Tiffany Naughton and Kate DeLoureiro
Member absent: Marijan Andacic

Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the August 23 meeting minutes. Al 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll -

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

163 Pleasant Street – Question on Leveling Land near Wetlands – Site Visit

Alan mentioned that he swung by the property and met with the owner to instruct him on what he could and could not do with regard to leveling and planting near the wetlands. There is no need for a filing. Alan asked that the Administrative Assistant send the homeowner a list of low growing natural vegetation to plant.

61 Parkhurst Street – Question on Town Property – Site Visit

Members did not make it out to the property. They scheduled another site visit for Saturday, September 18 at 10:15am.

Preliminary Subdivision Application Notification Form – River Street – 11 lots

Alan said that it is his understanding that the applicant has been working with Natural Heritage since the area is Blanding's Turtle territory. There is a significant amount of wetlands on the 90-acre parcel, with Unkety Brook running through the back of the property. Leah said that it looks like they used GIS to establish the resource areas. The Commission wants the wetlands flagged in the field. Members will request that the Planning Board ask for a full perimeter survey of the property boundaries and wetlands and then file an ANRAD to verify the boundaries with the Conservation Commission.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda



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160 Westford Street – Special Permit Hearing

A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 with the Planning Board.

Flat Rock Signs

Leah told members that she received a call that the Flat Rock motor vehicle sign seems to confuse some members of the public. Alan removed the sign. The plan is to replace the sign with something clearer.

Question

Joan Simmons asked if the vegetation planted at the Town Forest is something that will spread to adjoining parcels, possibly restricting owner's use of their property. Alan said "No"; the plants should not creep into neighboring lots. The New England Blazing Star, a Species of Special Concern under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, was planted in the Town Forest.

Motion to adjourn by Leah, seconded by Tiffany at 7:06 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, September 27 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission