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Meeting Held via Zoom  
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 826 1591 8877

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

Approved: November 8, 2021

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.  
Members present: Juan Amodei, Leah Basbanes, Tiffany Naughton and Kate DeLoureiro  
Member absent: Marijan Andacic and Al Starbird

**Notice of Intent Hearing – 504 Forest Street – Cheryl Finn**

Alan opened the hearing at 6:31pm. Chris MacKenzie from Dillis and Roy attended, as well as Jen Spencer and Cheryl Finn. Alan explained that the applicant is requesting to replace an existing failed septic system within the wetland buffer zone. Work at the 1.25-acre site is tight due to wetland areas in the northerly, easterly and southerly portions of the property. In addition to installation of a new Presby septic system and leach area, there will be site grading. Members agreed that the new system is a vast improvement to the existing system. Leah asked Mr. MacKenzie to install silt fencing in addition to straw wattles. The Board of Health has not reviewed the plan and we have not received the DEP file number, therefore, Mr. MacKenzie requested a continuance to the November 8 meeting. Leah made a motion to grant the request. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. Alan plans to go out to the site on Saturday, October 23 at 10am to look at the area.

**Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021**

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the September 13 meeting minutes. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills and Payroll -**

No bills. Tiffany made a motion to sign payroll. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Massapoag Rod & Gun Project Update**

On September 28, the Administrative Assistant emailed Barbara Blanco and Brian Weilbrenner explaining that there has been some serious erosion going on in the roadway to their project, which has sent silt into Massapoag Pond. In addition, Alan would like to know if they planted vegetation as required, and what plans they have for the large tree they cut down. Neither Ms. Blanco nor Mr. Weilbrenner contacted Alan, the office or attended tonight's meeting. The Administrative Assistant will email them and ask them to attend the November 8 meeting.

**61 Parkhurst Street – Results of Site Visit - Chadzynski**

During a site visit, members noticed that it looks as though the homeowner at 61 Parkhurst Street is using town property (under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission) as an extension of his yard. There are chairs, a fire pit, a deck/dock located near the pond, and the area is clean of brush/scrub. In the past, members have asked residents to remove personal items from Conservation properties. A letter will go out to Mr. Chadzynski asking him to remove the materials and allow natural vegetation to return to the area, which not only is aesthetically pleasing for those using the pond, but better for



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wildlife.

### **Fiscal Year 2022 Budget**

Members decided to leave the "expense" budget the same as this fiscal year (\$2,000).

### **Scheduling Site Visit for 0 Blodgett Street – Solar Project**

Members would like to meet someone from Borrego Solar on Saturday, October 30 at 10am. Alternate date of Friday, October 29.

### **Proposed Boardwalk Project from Drew Landing to Emery Woods**

Alan told members that he and Cheryl met with the new Town Engineers to discuss a State Grant to design and build a boardwalk for easier access to Emery Woods. The State will release the MassTrails Grant applications in November. Alan is hoping that the grant, timber account and Community Preservation funds will pay for the application, design and construction.

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

#### **Flat Rock Hill**

The Administrative Assistant said that Highway Superintendent, David Tully stopped by the office and said that in order to plow the road to Flat Rock Hill Conservation area; vegetation will need to be cut back. Alan and Leah will meet this Friday (10/22) to take a look at the area.

#### **Signs**

Joan Simmons told members that she has seen a number of yellow "slow down" signs tacked on telephone poles. She said that she also has seen ones that Conservation has posted. Leah said that the Commission signs are on their own poles, existing sign poles and some on telephone poles. The Board of Road Commissioners and Board of Selectmen approved them. The "slow down" signs, placed by residents, should not be there without permission.

#### **Arch Bridge Field**

Alan reported that John Cover cut the Arch Bridge field, as he does yearly.

Motion to adjourn by Juan, seconded by Tiffany at 7:37 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, November 8 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Administrative Assistant  
Dunstable Conservation Commission