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Meeting Held via Zoom
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 867 6566 0772

Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, November 22, 2021

Approved: December 13, 2021

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

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

Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the November 8 meeting minutes. Kate 2nd the motion.
– Motion passed unanimously.

Bills and Payroll -

Tiffany made a motion to sign the Staples invoice. Leah 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.
Kate made a motion to sign payroll. Tiffany 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Results of Site Visit to 260 Main Street – Derek Boudry

On November 13, the Conservation Commission met Mr. Boudry on site. Leah reported that there are wetlands on the lot. Members asked Mr. Boudry to delineate the wetlands and submit a plan showing the wetland boundaries prior to working on the lot; however, he can clear the area of the driveway that is outside of the buffer zone. Mr. Boudry will most likely need to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission prior to construction of his house.

GDRHS Opportunities for Volunteer Work

At the last meeting, the Administrative Assistant told members that she had received an email from a high school student looking for volunteer work for his environmental cleanup club. Although members were unable to come up with a suitable project at this time, Alan said that there might be an opportunity for cleanup work at the McLoon property.

Proposed Boardwalk Project from Drew Landing to Emery Woods

Alan told members that at their last meeting, the Community Preservation Committee voted to spend \$7,000 from the administrative fund account for a feasibility study and preparation of documents to apply for a MassTrails Grant for a boardwalk from Drew Landing to Emery Woods. Leah then made a motion to spend \$6,603 from the Conservation fund. The total expenditure is \$13,603. Kate 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The Administrative Assistant will contact the Town Engineer. The grant application must be completed by February 1, 2022.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

Larry MacEachern - Questions on Property Abutting 68 Thorndike Street

Larry MacEachern called the office earlier in the day with questions regarding a Conservation Restriction
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(CR) on property near 68 Thorndike Street. Mr. MacEachern currently lives in Norfolk, may purchase 68 Thorndike Street, and is interested in understanding what activities are permitted under the CR. The Grantee of the restriction is the Dunstable Conservation Commission. Alan said that Mr. MacEachern should obtain a copy of the CR and review it in detail. He went on to explain that the CR is an agricultural CR. The current owner of the property, McGovern Farms, hayed the land this past fall. Under the CR, the owner can grow crops, pasture animals, build a barn, or conduct other agricultural activities. Mr. MacEachern expressed concern that he will be moving next door to a Cowboy mounted shooting ring, a piggery or a feedlot. Under the CR, those would not be accepted activities. Alan told Mr. MacEachern that in addition to the 14.74-acres, there are two narrow strips under the restriction that provide "paper" access to two backland lots, however, cannot be used as driveways. The land is agriculturally protected land in perpetuity and the CR goes with the land, not the owner.

Motion to adjourn by Leah, seconded by Tiffany at 7:06 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, December 13 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Administrative Assistant
Dunstable Conservation Commission