

December 8, 2003

Conservation Commission
Regular meeting

Members present: Bonnie Geromini, Kim Desmaris, Sheila Thompson, Dick Gouvan, Mike Gerrard, and associate members Joe Savoie and Pat Smith. Guest: Douglas Farmer reporter for the Wilbraham Hampden Times.

- 7:00 pm Open meeting: discussion was held on the Certificate of Compliance for Michael Avdoulos on 176 Scantic Rd. Mike Gerrard will call Tim McKenna to see if the DEP wants to see the project before the Commission issues the Certificate. It was voted to prepare and sign the Certificate, but it will be issued contingent upon DEP acceptance.
- 7:15 pm Thomas Gianetti, Lot 3 South Rd. Continuation of an Enforcement Order. Mr. Gianetti didn't appear before the Commission. It was voted to continue his Enforcement Order until the January 12th, 2004 meeting. Mike Gerrard will contact him.
- 7:25 pm Mr. Loiko and Ms. Regan , 1 South Rd. Continuation of an Enforcement Order. Mr. Loiko and Ms. Regan didn't appear before the Commission. It was voted to continue the extension of their Enforcement Order until the January 12th, 2004 meeting.

Minutes of the November 10th special meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written. Minutes of the November 10th regular meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted with the addition Russell Morton called Bonnie Geromini at approximately 6:15 pm on November 10th to say he would not attend his meeting.

Mike Gerrard noted Norman Turnberg would like to make an agreement with the Town of Hampden to purchase a 50' strip of land owned by the Town on the east side of Mt Minnechaug. He would keep the area around the parking lot mowed. It was decided this is something to be brought to the Selectmen and probably a Town Meeting. There are no Conservation issues involved.

- 7:45 pm Philip and Karla Grant, 123 South Rd – Enforcement Order. Guests for this meeting were Selectmen Mark Barba and James Smith. Mr. Grant presented his project to the Commission. Previous owners of the land had planted many gardens. One of the plants introduced was Russian Olive. Newer owners chose not to maintain the gardens. Therefore the Russian Olive, which is an invasive plant not native to this area, spread out of control in the BVW of a stream going through the property. The Grants seek to remove this plant. It was determined that the Grants need to file a Notice of Intent with The Commission, the DEP, and the natural Wildlife Heritage in order to cut, burn and remove debris in order to restore the gardens. It was unanimously voted to continue the meeting.

8:20 pm

Russell Morton – continuation of an Enforcement Order for 12 Genevieve Drive. Pete Levesque, environmental engineer, and Karen Jackson, attorney for Mr. Morton, appeared with Mr. Morton. Mr. Levesque submitted a proposal on December 2. He is looking for permission to go forward with his proposal and to have the Commission end the daily fines. There has not been any communication from Mr. Morton since the Enforcement Order was issued and the Commission was not notified that Mr. Levesque would be here to represent him. Mr. Levesque submitted a restoration plan to be worked out by Sherman and Woods. Leaves and brush piles would be removed, stumps would be taken off site. The area would be raked and seeded with wild flower and grass mixture. Discussion was held on the level of the removal of the fill. Inasmuch as agreement was not reached regarding level to be established, meeting was continued to Jan. 12.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10PM
Respectfully, Patricia Smith, clerk