

Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
Public Hearing/ Edward Speight, Scantic Meadows
February 24, 2004

Minutes

Members present: Bonnie Geromini, Sheila Thompson, Mike Gerrard, Dick Gouvan
Associate Member present: Joe Savoie
Member absent: Kim Desmarais

Guests: Edward Speight, Joe Cafarelli, Atty. Fratar, Pete Levesque, Heather Stavros, see attached sign-in sheet .

7: 04pm Meeting called to order

Introduction of Heather Stavros and Peter Levesque, representing Pioneer Environmental. Presentation made by Heather Stavros, display of plans for reference. Plans reflected delineation of environmentally sensitive areas and explanations provided on how these areas were to be treated. Issue of drainage system, underground, described and technical aspects of system functions were referred to Ed Cafarelli. Presentation was well done. Questions from abutters and other concerned members of the community centered primarily on this system: issues brought up included reliability of the system, effect of drainage on the farm pond, which had not been clearly delineated on map (Pioneer Environmental had been denied access to abutting property), maintenance of drainage system i.e.: who would be responsible, who would pay and how often did it require cleaning -regarding schedule of maintenance responses of 4 times a year to once a year were made. When town accepts street maintenance will become town's responsibility both to perform and pay for. The Gas pipeline was again mentioned. Natural drainage issues were a primary concern for those abutters on Colony Dr, where there is apparently an ongoing problem with existing drainage. Easements for access were also an issue brought to the floor. Another area of concern regarded wildlife in the proposed area of development - mention being made of deer, migratory bird routes, turtles, fishers, birds of prey. Installation of a dry hydrant was mentioned. Because of the serious concerns regarding drainage issues, both in terms of the system being proposed and the existing issues, the Commission felt that in the best interests of all parties involved, it would retain the services of an outside consultant to review the property and the Notice of Intent which has been submitted. Mr. Cafarelli questioned why we simply did not accept the findings of Tighe & Bond.

The following motion was made by Bonnie Geromini: The Conservation Commission under Massachusetts State law and Town of Hampden Wetland By-laws and regulations will hire an independent consultant at the expense of the proponent to review the entire Notice of Intent and plans for Scantic Meadows, filed with the Conservation Commission, February 2, 2004. The motion was seconded by Dick Gouvan and passed unanimously. A second motion was made by Bonnie Geromini and seconded by Dick Gouvan to continue the public hearing on March 15, 2004 at 7:15pm. Passed unanimously.8:50pm Motion made to adjourn seconded and passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Thompson
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