

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER, 20. 2006

Present: Charlie Schmitt, Bonnie Geromini, Pat Cote, Jeff Liquori and Phil Grant

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

Bonnie Geromini informed members of a report received regarding possible stumping of trees on the Russ Cable property on South Road. A site visit will be done on Wed. September 27th following other site visits to begin at 4 pm. If stumping has taken place, it is in direct violation of Enforcement Order. It has also been reported that the telephone pole at the beginning of the driveway has been set incorrectly.

Charlie Schmitt reported Dr. Giri's, 283 Somers Road, attorney has been in contact with him and they will be coming into the October meeting.

A site visit to inspect work done at Laughing Brook will also be done on Wed. September 27th.

Phil Grant has discussed the Forest Cutting Plan for South Road with Carmine. Due to the fact the Commission usually does not have much input previous to acceptance of wood cutting plans by Carmine and the laws for harvesting wood are very liberal, the Commission voted to have Carmine come to the next meeting and discuss the program. Pat Cote to call Carmine.

Dean Gustafson and Tim Burke for New Cingular Wireless were present to give a brief presentation of Notice of Intent to be filed for next months meeting. The proposed project is for the purpose of installing wireless communications equipment on existing 105' electrical transmission tower with six directional panel antennas; construction of a 24' x 30' communications compound adjacent to tower; and reinforcement of existing tower foundation. The proposed project would occur within the 100 foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland as well as temporary disturbances within the 25 foot bylaw buffer. The work proposed will be designed to conform to the performance standards contained in the WPA and bylaw regulations. Appropriate measures as specified by The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, will be incorporated into the proposed construction sequence to provide adequate protection of state-listed species documented in the vicinity of the project area.

Site visit will be done on Wed. September 27th at 4 pm.

John Flynn attended meeting regarding the Scantic River clean-up day on Saturday, Sept. 30th. There will be a brief informational meeting for those participating in the clean-up at the Town Hall and John asked for a member of the Commission to come and speak to the group at this time. Phil Grant will represent the Commission.

A brief discussion was held in regards to damage done along banks of the Scantic and how best to correct the erosion. In order to repair damage, replication of what was there needs to be done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Mikkola, Clerk

Minutes approved on October 18, 2006