

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
November 15, 2006

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bonnie Geromini.

The Mr. & Mrs. Costanza were present to obtain clarification regarding whether or not the stream on North Road property they are planning to buy was an intermittent or perennial stream. The stream in question is not shown on the Hampden QuadUSGS map. The Commission has accepted the consultants flagging and description as being an intermittent stream at the Request for Determination meeting. The Costanzas were told it would be considered an intermittent stream. However, any building plans on the property would need to have a Notice of Intent filed.

Motion made by Jeff Liquori to accept the minutes of the October 18th meeting and second by Phil Grant. Motion approved.

Motion made by Jeff Liquori to accept the minutes with spelling correction of the November 1st meeting and second by Phil Grant. Motion approved.

7:25 pm NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLIC HEARING

Dr. Satyendra Giri, 283 Somers Road, Hampden, MA DEP file # 173-0179

Heather Comee from Pioneer Environmental and Attorney Eileen Freyman were present representing Dr. Giri. The Hampden Conservation Commission issued an Enforcement Order due to tree cutting within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and 200 feet of a stream. The submitted NOI proposes a restoration plan and additional work within the area. The site consists of 56.99 acre parcel of land on Somers Road. The property has wetlands, two streams and a pond. The plan includes the following:

Restoration Area #1: Southerly side of driveway where trees were removed will be re-vegetated with the various tree species.

Restoration Area #2: A 25' wide wetland buffer will be re-vegetated with shrubs to provide a transitional area between the sylvan wetland and the wildflower field.

Restoration Area #3: A small portion of an upland wildflower meadow 100 feet south of driveway will be seeded with New England Wildflower Mix and then mulched with straw.

Restoration Area #4: Area consisting of the knoll and valley south of wetland flags X110 through X119 by proposing to regrade and stabilize the area by lessening the side slopes of the knoll. The top 8-feet of the knoll will be removed and blended into the valley and 4" of loam will be applied and the area over-seeded with New England Wildflower Seed mix. Dr. Giri is also proposing to construct a footpath and benches in this same area. The footpath and benches are proposed just outside and along the Commission's 25' No Disturb Zone.

Bonnie Geromini inquired about the condition of the dam on the property. Heather Comee stated she did not see any problems with it.

No permanent markers have been placed and they will need to do this and also mark the 25-foot No Disturb Zone with concrete markers, set 25 or 50 feet apart. This will be included in the Order of Conditions.

Bonnie Geromini stated that the NOI was submitted on the Commission's November 1st meeting and at that meeting it was voted to have a Peer Review done by Tighe and Bond. The Peer Review as necessary due to the large amount of land involved in restoration. A proposal from Tighe and Bond to do the review for \$1800 has been received. Attorney Freyman will obtain check from Dr. Giri for this amount. After check has been received the Peer Review will be done.
Meeting continued till December 20th at 7:05.

Certificate of Compliance for BayState Gas was signed and Phil Grant to get it notarized.

TALL PINES- Jeff Liquori recused himself. A Conservation Easement/Restrictions document has been received from Bacon & Wilson. Phil Grant would like Gary Weiner to do work-up of proposed area but has not heard back from him. Phil has also spoken to the Selectmen and they requested and have received a copy of the letter and Natural Heritage recommendations. Commission will wait to hear from Selectmen.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola
Clerk

Minutes approved on Dec. 20, 2006