

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2007

Members present: Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Jeff Liquori and Charlie Schmitt

Meeting opened at 7:04 by Charlie Schmitt.

Proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-08 was reviewed and discussed. Motion made by Charlie Schmitt to accept budget and submit to Advisory Board. Motion approved.

Minutes of the December 2006 meeting were read and approved.

DAVID GUSTAFSON, 226 South Road, Hampden was present to review the Conditions, dating back to July of 2005 for removal of dirt pile near a wetland area. Charlie Schmitt stated that the commission was willing to work with Mr. Gustafson but the commission needed a reasonable timetable with finite plan in writing with steps for compliance. Hay bales will need to be in place and then a call to the Commission for inspection. This is to take place within the coming month. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27th at 8:00 am.

JOHN MATTHEWS, 28 North Monson Road, Hampden was present with continuing concern regarding neighbors possible violation of wetland by-laws. Mr. Matthews stated that Mr. Lomascola has piles of debris within 200 feet of a stream and has been spreading it on property. Mr. Matthews stated he was very concerned about the stream as it runs into a brook on his property.

Charlie Schmitt stated the Conservation Commission will handle the situation but the DEP has been there and the Commission has been awaiting a reply from them. A site visit will be done and a letter to Mr. Lomascola will be sent asking permission to access his property. Charlie also read a letter from the Building Inspector, Lance Trevallion stating that the piles of debris were scrap metal in one a wood products in the other.

TALL P INES, Stony Hill Road, Hampden- CONSERVATION EASEMENT
Charlie Schmitt recused himself from the meeting.

Phil Grant opened the meeting at 8:00 pm. Gary Weiner presented a revised plan which showed the relocation of an easement for Turnberg's right of way. There were no other changes to plan

The Town will have a stewardship role on the Conservation easement. The Condominiums will be responsible for signs, upkeep, etc. No activity will take place within the conservation space. Bonnie Geromini asked who would be maintaining the meadow. Gary Weiner responded that the meadow is not in the respected area.

Beverly Turnberg asked when did Natural Heritage approved the change in the plan. Mike Cimmino responded that they have spoken with Natural Heritage concerning the change within the past week.

Beverly Turnberg questioned how the Conservation easement would affect the possibility of putting in a driveway. Phil Grant suggested they get clarification from the DEP.

A question from neighbor on Allen Street inquired as to time frame for replacement of trees. Gary Weiner explained that some of the downed trees will remain and some picked up but they are waiting notice from Natural Heritage as to when work can begin in that area.

Mr. Cimmino responded to question in regards to when the work would begin and he stated that once the easement is settled, work would begin with two weeks.

Phil Grant made motion to accept the Conservation Easements as signed by the Selectmen. Second by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved. VOTING: Yes: Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Jeff Liquori.

Phil Grant made motion to close the meeting on Tall Pines Easement. Second by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved. VOTING: Yes: Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini and Jeff Liquori.

Phil Grant to take Easement documents to be notarized and then give them to Selectmen.

SITE VISITS SCHEDULED:

8:00 am Gustafson, 226 South Road

8:30 am 131 Stony Hill Road for Cert. Of Compliance

9:00 am Lomascola, N. Monson Road

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mikkola, Clerk

Minutes approved on February 21, 2007