

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Members present: Bonnie Geromini, Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant and Pat Cote

Meeting opened at 7:08 by Bonnie Geromini.

Mr. Fred Frangie, 38 Thresher Road attended meeting concerning procedures for building on lot next to his home. There are wetlands on the front part of proposed lot and the home would be within 100 feet of a wetland.

Bonnie Geromini suggested filing a Notice of Intent as there would be some potential impact on the wetland area. The flagging of the wetlands areas should be done by a wetland specialist.

Phil Grant suggested getting flagging done first so the wetlands will be designated and buffer zones can be set.

Jeff Liquori explained the wetland specialist could help with the house, septic and well placement helping to circumvent any problems.

Pat Cote said a RFD could be a possibility as well if this was done.

7:15 pm MASS ADUBON SOCIETY- Public Hearing continued-

Tom Lautzenheiser, Stu Weinreb and Mary Kurber representing Mass. Audubon reviewed information on proposed project at Laughing Brook. The proposed project is the re-establishment of front entrance access which includes recreating the driveway and improving an informal trail, closing trails through resource areas and removing several wooden structure on the site. A construction plan was also presented and reviewed.

A response from Natural Heritage and the DEP has not been received so their plan to start repairs in March will have to change.

Phil Grant stated there might be an issue with Natural Heritage and the wood turtle. Mr. Lautzenheiser stated most of the work can be done outside the wood turtle areas.

Mr. Weinreb stated the removal of structures was not top priority and could be done next winter but opening the front entrance access was the most important.

Pat Cote inquired as to what size bobcat they were planning on using? Mr. Weinreb stated they have discussed this and have not spoken with the contractor on this issue and they would be happy to come back with exactly what will be used.

Jeff Liquori stated he was concerned about debris removal near East Brook as work previously done in area showed the brook had been driven into. Mr. Weinreb

stated they would confine the bobcats to trails already in existence and they will mandate that only small equipment be used and be confined to existing trails.

Mr. Weinreb asked about process from this point? Bonnie Geromini stated when DEP file number is received, the Commission can get things going. Conditions from Natural Heritage and DEP will be included in Order of Conditions.

Pat Cote asked if vernal pools were within the 125' work area. Mr. Lautzenheiser responded, no.

Meeting continued until March 21, 2007.

TALL PINES- Enforcement Order – The Commission had received a call from a neighbor to Tall Pines regarding work being done near wetlands. Phil Grant reviewed his site visit with Commission members. Phil had visited the site with Frank Watson and Gordon Phelps. He outlined where the tree cutting had taken place, where the silt fence had been installed and ditch dug. Contractor had placed silt fence according to engineer's map, however, the map was incorrect as to placement. The contractor has since removed the silt fence and placed it in the proper area. The ditch has not been filled and the deadline was today.

The Enforcement Order was ratified by Jeff Liquori, Pat Cote and Bonnie Geromini.

The DEP has requested that a Determination of Applicability be completed. The Conservation Commission does not have jurisdiction on the Tall Pines project as submitted. Motion made by Phil Grant to issue a Negative Determination. Second by Jeff Liquori. VOTING: Yes: Bonnie Geromini, Phil Grant, and Jeff Liquori. Abstention: Pat Cote

131 STONY HILL ROAD- Certificate of Compliance signed. Letter to be sent stating they can take down silt fence.

FOREST MANAGENT PLAN for Keddy property on Wilbraham Road was reviewed. Plan has been rejected by the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, Forest Management, awaiting a reply from Natural Heritage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk

Minutes approved on March 21, 2007