

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 18, 2007

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

Charlie Schmitt opened meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Goldberg and Ms. Susan Bellows appeared before the Commission. They were early for their meeting as they could not appear later. Information was taken and would be given to those in attendance at the public meeting to be held at 8:00 pm.

Mr. Michael Goldberg provided overview of project. He would like to rebuild retaining wall along the Scantic River damaged by the October 2005. He proposes to rebuild the wall using the stones from the old wall that have fallen into the river. Repairs to be done in area from little club house to bridge. He is planning to use an overhead winch or bucket loader to do repairs and machinery will not be put into the river.

Phil Grant stated he felt there should be an emergency order or other vehicle to allow the repairs and suggested that Mr. Goldberg contact Mr. Tim McKenna at the DEP.

Charlie Schmitt asked if Mr. Goldberg was confident that the wall will hold once it is fixed? Mr. Goldberg answered in the affirmative.

Pat Cote questioned if he was going to extend the wall. Mr. Goldberg answered he was not?

Phil Grant asked if Mr. Goldberg had ever constructed a stone wall? Mr. Goldberg stated he had not but did not think there would be a problem. He also stated he would like to take down a tree that has died due to beavers before it falls on his house or in the river. He stated no digging will be done as he plans to take it down to ground level.

Bonnie Geromini stated the area he would be working is not only riverfront but also a habitat for endangered and rare species and should go through the Department of Environmental Protection and Natural Heritage.

Charlie Schmitt stated he will call DEP and get their opinion on the project and that the Commission needs to work within the law. No determination can be made at this time. A site visit will be done on Saturday, April 21. Meeting continued until May 16, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

7:20 pm Public Meeting - Request for Determination - Village Drive

Andrea Guilotte representing Coler & Colantonio, Inc. provided information regarding proposed installation of underground utilities within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW to

service the telecommunications facility also proposed onsite. The telecommunications facility will be located outside the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW, Electricity and telephone service to the proposed facility will run along existing overhead wires from Commercial Drive and will drop underground at the last utility pole along Village Drive. This utility pole is located within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW, and as such, the installation of the underground utilities will occur partially within the buffer zone. The closest proposed work to BVW onsite is approximately 50 feet and is measured from this last utility pole along Village Drive. Approximately 62 linear feet of underground utilities within a three foot wide trench will be installed within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW, for an approximate total of 186 square feet. The height of the pole is 150 feet and will be located outside the endangered species area.

Pat Cote would like it stated in the Order of Conditions the silt fence barriers to be removed when work is completed.

7:45 pm Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Lot 4, Mountain Road

Heather Comee, from Pioneer Environmental, Inc. representing David & Pollee Moore reviewed the proposed project. The project consists of construction of a driveway crossing and a single-family home on a site consisting of 13.0 acres on the westerly side of Mountain Road. Within the site exists an Isolated Vegetated Wetland, a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, banks of perennial and intermittent streams and Riverfront Area all of which fall under the jurisdiction of the Mass. Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Hampden Wetland Protection Bylaw and Regulations. A large upland exists west of the BVW and a driveway crossing is necessary to access it. Wetland replication is proposed. Heather Comee explained many alternatives had been looked at rather than filling in the wetland area.

Phil Grant questioned the use of one culvert and suggested 2 or 3 or a larger one would better handle the water as there are wetlands on both sides of the driveway. Heather Comee said she would speak with the Engineer.

All work is proposed outside the 200-foot buffer area and is not in a Priority Habitat resource area. A silt fence will be placed to mark off limit of work line and permanent limit of work lines will consist of boulders.

The public meeting was continued until May 16, 2007 at 7:15 pm. as the DEP has not issued a File number. A site visit for those missing previous one will be on Saturday, April 21 at 9:00 am.

8:00 pm Public Meeting – Request for Determination – 650 Main Street

There was no one in attendance for the public meeting regarding this Determination. Mr. Michael Goldberg had provided information to the Commission earlier in the meeting. He would like to rebuild retaining wall along the Scantic River damaged by the October 2005.

He proposes to rebuild the wall using the stones from the old wall that have fallen into the river. Repairs to be done in area from little club house to bridge. He is planning to use an overhead winch or bucket loader to do repairs and machinery will not be put into the river.

Charlie Schmitt will call DEP and get their opinion on the project. No determination can be made at this time. Determination will be made after all members of the Commission have done a site visit. Meeting continued until May 16, 2007. Site visit to be done Saturday, April 21 at 8:30am.

Lomascola, 42 North Monson Road – Notice from Pioneer Environmental that flagging has been done and they are waiting for survey work to begin. Notice of Intent to be filed in time for May 16, 2007 meeting.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted with correction. Bonnie Geromini made motion to approve the March 21, 2007 minutes as amended by Pat Cote. Charlie Schmitt second. Motion approved unanimously.

Charlie Schmitt made motion to adjourn meeting. Second by Jeff Liquori. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Mikkola, Clerk

Minutes approved on May 16, 2007

