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**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2007**

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

Meeting opened at 7:05 by Charlie Schmitt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Pat Cote made motion to accept minutes with revisions. Motion approved.

Charlie Schmitt notified the Commission his last meeting as a member will be the December meeting.

7:15 pm Notice of Intent- Lot 0 Ames Road- Elizabeth Phillips

Heather Comee and Pete Levesque from Pioneer Environmental representing Westbrook Realty asked to have the Public Hearing continued as they have not had a formal response from the DEP. The proposal is for the purpose of constructing a common driveway to access three estate lots. A site visit is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1st at 8:30.

Lomascola- 42 North Monson Road- (NOI continuance)

Charlie Schmitt recused himself from meeting.

Heather Comee representing Mr. Lomascola presented a brief overview of the Notice of Intent. She stated there will not be any agricultural activity and they are proposing to keeping the loam pile there and working that area and then restoring a 50' buffer zone. Bonnie Geromini asked why it is only a 50' buffer zone. Heather stated it is due to the stream being intermittent which means it is not a riverfront area. Phil Grant and Bonnie asked if Mr. Lomascola would consider moving the loam pile to another area on the property away from the stream. Heather responded it had been considered but more work would have to be done such as cutting trees and disturbing more of the area. Jeff Liquori stated he would like to see nothing being done within the 100' buffer zone. A lengthy discussion was held. Pat Cote asked if there is still a drought? Heather responded there is still a drought. Pat responded she is concerned about going out in a drought period to make determinations of the stream and collecting data. Heather responded she is still in conversation with Mark Stinson at the DEP regarding this matter but she will provide a statement that the photos were taken in a non-drought period.

Mr. John Matthews of 28 North Monson Road read from a prepared statement. (see attached) Mr. Matthews concerns include the determination of the stream as intermittent as he has walked that stream for 13 years and this is the first year it has been dry and in the original NOI the stream was labeled as perennial. He is also concerned about the trash hauling and sorting of demolition material and the

possibility of contamination of the stream. Charlie explained to Mr. Matthews he would have to bring this issue up with the Board of Health.

Phil Grant stated the need to come to some mutual decision amiable to everyone, but Mr. Lomascola does have an Enforcement Order because of work performed on property without proper approvals being given. Following more discussion, Pete Levesque stated that Mr. Lomascola would move the loam pile and work area away from the 100' buffer and restore the 50' buffer.

Motion made by Bonnie Geromini to accept Notice of Intent with special Order of Conditions to include the removal of the dirt, gravel and work area away from the 100' buffer. Second by Phil Grant. Motion approved.

VOTING: Yes- Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Jeff Liquori and Pat Cote. No- none

8:30 pm- Notice of Intent- Lot 1A & 2 Glendale Road

Heather Comee presented plans for installation of two septic lines through a BVW and beneath an intermittent stream and grading a lawn area, associated with the construction of two proposed single-family homes, within the 100' BVW buffer. Wetland replication is proposed. Comments from Mark Stinson of the DEP were reviewed. A revised plan will be required. Discussion followed as to other methods of boring under the wetlands, how blockages would be handled, the costs associated with using alternate methods, and access for repair work. Heather will address the DEP comments and the concerns of the Commission.

Pat Cote asked about a compost system. Gary Weiner stated the state will not approve compost system when a standard system can be installed. Charlie Schmitt inquired if the septic system plan has been approved by the Health Agent. Gary Weiner answered it had.

Hearing continued until the December 19th meeting.

Gianetti – South Road

The replication area on Mr. Gianetti's property was mowed down when an adjacent field belonging to Mr. Gregory O'Connor was being mowed. Discussion was held as to the best way to handle this as the replication area must be restored. It was decided to ask Mr. O'Connor to come in for an informal meeting to discuss the situation.

Selectmen have inquired about any action taken on property at end of River Park Drive. No violation notice has been sent as there was an agreement to relocate the greenhouse. Charlie Schmitt to do site visit to see if this has been done.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk

Minutes approved on 12/19/07