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**CONSERVATION MEETING- DECEMBER 19, 2007**

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

Meeting opened at 7:09 by Charlie Schmitt.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted,

**Commercial Drive-** Heather Comee representing Pioneer Environmental came before the Commission with preliminary information for a proposed building to be erected to house an organic seed company. The building will be used mainly for storage of seeds, plants and small farm equipment. No chemicals or fuels will be stored on sight.

Jeff Liquori asked if it would be a wholesale or retail business? Heather will check into this. A preliminary plan was reviewed. The property is located in Mass. Heritage jurisdiction and a filing will be submitted to them for comment. There are also some areas that will infringe the town's 25' no disturb zone.

**7:30 pm Greg O'Connor**

Charlie stated this was an informal meeting to discuss the replacement of the replication area on the Gianetti property on South Road. The replication area had been mowed down when an adjacent field to the Gianetti property belonging to Mr. O'Connor was being mowed.

Mr. O'Connor stated he would be amiable to do what needs to be done. A copy of the replication plan will be sent to Mr. O'Connor for review. Upon reviewing the plans, Mr. O'Connor will provide a response to the Commission before their next meeting on Jan. 16, 2008. A bond will be required and held until the replication is firmly established.

**7:45 pm Notice of Intent- Lot 0 Ames Road**

Heather Comee representing Pioneer Environmental reviewed the comments on this project from the Department of Environmental Protection. Heather also explained that the plans have been revised as per DEP's ruling the the stream as shown on plan to be perennial. Discussion followed on the replication of the wetlands and the arched culvert.

Bonnie Geromini stated the Commission should get their own consultant to look at the plans. Mrs. Philips questioned the need for this and Charlie Schmitt explained this was an ambitious plan and requires a great deal of review for its impact on the area.

Denise Richard inquired as to whether the bridge would be able to handle all the water in the event of big storms? Heather explained the culvert and bridge were designed to handle these situations.

Mr. John Wilkinson questioned how much cover is over culvert and if there would be guardrails on bridge. Heather answered there are guardrails and provided info on the amount of cover.

Judie Gagnon asked if the prospective owners will be responsible for the maintenance of the road and bridge? Heather responded they would.

Tighe and Bond will be contacted to submit an estimate of cost and timetable for review.

Hearing continued until January 16, 2008.

### **8:35 pm Notice of Intent- Lot 1 & 2 Glendale Road**

Heather Comee representing Pioneer Environmental presented a revised plan pursuant to comments from Department of Environmental Protection. The Bank Resource Area was delineated within the area of the proposed crossing and the Bank flags were located and depicted on revised site plan.

Bonnie Geromini asked if there would be blasting? Heather responded there would not.

Pat Cote suggested there might be alternatives to this type of septic system. Heather responded there is not in Natural Heritage areas.

John Matthews asked what happens if the septic system fails and suggested a deed restriction be in place stating the owners will have to go through this same process.

Pat Cote stated the DEP suggests intermittent field notes need to be included in the NOI plan. Pat requested the field notes be submitted. Heather responded she would supply them and this could be one of the conditions to include in the Order of Conditions.

Charlie Schmitt stated the Commission had asked for a signed septic design plan to be in place before the Commission makes their determination. A letter from Lorri McCool, Health Inspector stated they do not have a copy of an approved plan and upon checking with Civil Engineering, was told they have a site development plan showing the proposed location of the systems, but have not developed a complete Application for Disposal Works Construction Permit. Lorri to forward any new information to the Commission.

Before making a decision, a septic design and deed restriction needs to be in place.

Hearing continued until January 16, 2008.

### **Order of Conditions- LoMascola, 42 North Monson Road**

Jeff Liquori reviewed the Order of Conditions with the Commission. Additions to the proposed Orders were: (1) Section H- "To further clarify it must be noted that the dirt pile, gravel and all work area is to be removed and cleared from the 100 foot buffer. (2) Section K- Pioneer Environmental to submit documented field notes of Heather Comee's observations upstream of site, noting that no impoundments or diversions of the stream were causing it to become intermittent rather than perennial.

Phil Grant made motion to accept Orders of Conditions with amendments. Motion approved.

**Voting: Yes- Bonnie Geromini, Phil Grant, Pat Cote and Jeff Liquori**

This being Charlie Schmitt's last meeting, he expressed appreciation to the Commission and thanked them for their service.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mikkola, Clerk