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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 19, 2008**

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

6:45 PM – Special hearing on addition to Hampden By-law regulations. The addition reads as follows: “Independent Peer Review- In the event the Commission finds it necessary to request more than three reviews on a single filing, the Commission may consider allowing the proponent to apply the initial Town filing fee towards the cost of the independent review. This will be determined on an individual basis.” Phil Grant suggested waiving the Request for Determination fees if the project being proposed is beneficial to the environment such as removing invasive species, erosion mitigation or emergency issues. This issue will be taken up at the next regular Commission meeting. Hearing continued until April 16, 2008 at 6:45pm.

Motion made by Jeff Liquori to accept minutes of the previous meeting with corrections. Second by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved.

7:00 PM – Jeff O’Connor – Mr. O’Connor was present to discuss the replication area on the Gianetti property. Mr. O’Connor would like to visit the site with a conservation member to understand exactly what has to be done. Before and after pictures of the area in question were shown to Mr. O’Connor. Phil Grant to visit the property with Mr. O’Connor in a couple of weeks to give the vegetation a chance to come up.

7:15PM- Request for Determination, South Monson Road, Lot 14

Mr. Joseph Petronino from Environmental Services presented proposed project. Response from Natural Heritage was read. Mr. Petronino stated that all of the area was reflagged. In reviewing the plans it was noted that the septic and well designs and galvanized bounds need to be put on all plans. The response from Natural Heritage grouped Lot 14, 15 & 30I on a single response and Phil Grant suggested that Mr. Petonino ask them to put their response on each project individually. A MESA review is needed, as well. Motion was made by Bonnie Geromini to continue meeting until April 16, 2008. Site visit on Saturday, April 5th at 8:15.

7:30PM – Notice of Intent, South Monson Road, Lot 15

Hearing opened. MESA review and site visit needed. Bonnie Geromini made motion to continue meeting until April 16. Second by Pat Cote. Motion approved. Site visit on Saturday, April 5th.

7:35PM – Notice of Intent, South Monson Road, Lot 301

Hearing opened. MESA review and site visit needed. Bonnie Geromini made motion to continue meeting until April 16. Second by Pat Cote. Motion approved. Site visit on Saturday, April 5th.

Mr. Donald Dorn appeared before the Commission with questions regarding activities at the end of River Park Drive owned by Eric and Sara Weichselbaumer. Mr. Dorn stated tractors have been going over brook. tilling of field, cutting of trees, installing a culvert which drains water from Carmody Drive

into the field, vehicles being driven on property and debris such as wood chips being dumped onto the property. Mr. Dorn also asked why a proposed letter which was read to Mr. Weichselbaumer by Charlie Schmitt at the June meeting was never sent. Jeff Liquori stated he and other Commission members were not aware that the letter had not been sent and apologized for the delay. He told Mr. Dorn Mr. Schmitt letter was now being sent along with an update from Mr. Liquori. Mr. Dorn was told a site visit was to be done on April 5, 2008 at which time all issues would be addressed. Mr. Dorn wanted to know if a Notice of Intent was filed. He was told a Notice of Intent has not been filed. However, following many attempts by Commission members to repeatedly answer the same questions, Mr. Dorn was not satisfied with answers and became agitated. He was asked to leave the meeting. Site visit on April 5th.

8:00PM –Ames Road NOI, Owner, West Brook Estates; Applicant, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips (continuation) File #173-0184

Wildlife Habitat evaluation was reviewed with Heather Comee. Bonnie Geromini stated she had spoken with Steven Riberdy, Wetland Scientist, Melissa Cote, Natural Heritage, and Mark Stinson from the DEP concerning this project. Mr. Stinson, checked with Tim McKenna from the DEP and was told the Commission should not close the meeting until Form 401 is filed and response is received. Heather Comee stated she had spoken with Mr. McKenna regarding the 401 and that it would be filed after the Order of Conditions were written.

Lengthy discussion was held on the following issues: if it was a 3 or 5 lot subdivision; how sand and salt from the driveway would be handled; storm water; how much riverfront will be affected; if other alternatives had been explored with regards to the driveway design; and if Commission should close hearing and issue Order of Conditions.

Jeff Liquori made motion to pole members to see if Commission members agree to close hearing and issue Order of Conditions. Second by Phil Grant. Three against closing the hearing and one in favor.

VOTE: NO- Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, and Pat Cote YES: Jeff Liquori.

Heather Comee to check with Mark Stinson regarding the 401 and Commission will meet on Monday, March 24th at 6:30. Decision will be made then as to whether or not they will wait for 401 or to close the hearing. Hearing continued until March 24, 2008.

9:10PM – Notice of Intent- Highland Circle, Lot 40 & 40A

Heather Comee and Craig Morel were in attendance to present proposed plan. The proposed plan is for construction of a driveway associated with a single-family home that is proposed outside of jurisdictional areas. A wetland crossing is necessary in order to access the buildable area and will result in 2,020 SF of wetland alteration. A 350 SF wetland replication is also proposed. Natural Heritage comments have not been received. A site visit is scheduled for April 5th. Hearing continued until April 16th at 7:15pm.

9:30PM – Glendale Road, NOI Continuation

Suggestions for Order of Conditions were reviewed and discussed. Treasurer cannot sign off on Order of Conditions as Mr. Ford's back taxes have not been paid. A letter from Laurie McCool, Bd. of Health agent is also needed. The Order of Conditions will be discussed again on Monday, March 24th.

Motion was made to close the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting closed at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk

