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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2008**

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

**6:45PM – 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.

Jeff Liquori made motion to accept addition to Hampden By-law. Second by Phil Grant. Motion approved. VOTING: Yes- Jeff Liquori, Bonnie Geromini and Phil Grant. No- none

**Carmody and Riverpark Drive-** Site visit was conducted and the following was observed: 1/ Culvert has already been there; 2/ landscape mulch and debris at entrance on Carmody; 3/ access road is an established road that has been used thru the years; 4/ greenhouse has been moved to wooded area.

**7:00pm – Request for Determination, Jason Balut, Lot 0, Bennett Road**

Mr. Balut appeared before the Commission for information regarding a temporary stream crossing to obtain a perc. test. Jeff Liquori stated it would require a Notice of Intent as the resource areas would need to be flagged where the crossing would take place.

**7:15PM- Notice of Intent- Craig Morel, Highland Circle**

Heather Comee, Pioneer Environmental reviewed the revised plan of site. Revisions were: 1/Driveway will be on existing cordwood road; 2/Replication areas also revised; 3/ Soil stock piling areas identified on plan; and 4/Clear demarcated limits of work delineated on plan. Replication will include vegetation and top soil carefully cleared and removed. Trees, saplings and shrubs shall be set aside and kept moist and roots shaded to be incorporated into replication design, 8 inches of muck shall be removed and placed in the replication area, side slopes and replication area to be seeded with New England Wetmix, and plantings will include cinnamon and sensitive ferns, winterberry, blueberry and other plants common to New England. Driveway will be brought up about a foot and will consist of gravel with paving at the beginning and at the house. Hearing continued until May 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

**7:30PM – Request for Determination, Lot 14, South Monson Road, Thomas Valentine**

Mr. Joseph Petronino reviewed letter to be sent for the MESA review. Natural Heritage has not provided a response. Meeting continued until May 21, 2008 at 7:30.

**7:45PM – Notice of Intent, Lot 15, South Monson Road, Thomas Valentine**

Bonnie Geromini stated she would like to have a Peer Review done on this property. Following discussion, Jeff Liquori made motion to accept flagging as noted by Mr. Petronino. Phil Grant second. VOTING: Yes- Bonnie Geromini, Jeff Liquori and Phil Grant. Abstained- Pat Cote. Hearing continued until May 21, 2008 at 7:45PM.

**8:00PM- Notice of Intent, Lot 301, South Monson Road, Thomas Valentine**

Bonnie Geromini stated she would like to have a Peer Review done on this property. Following discussion Jeff Liquori made motion to accept flagging as noted by Mr. Petronino. Second by Phil Grant. VOTING: Yes- None. No- Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, and Pat Cote. Peer Review will need to be done. Hearing continued until May 21, 2008 at 8:00PM.

**Minutes** for the special meeting on March 24, 2008 were reviewed. Jeff Liquori made motion to accept minutes as amended by Bonnie Geromini. Second by Pat Cote. Minutes approved.

**Minutes** of the March 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jeff Liquori made motion to accept minutes as amended. Second by Bonnie Geromini. Minutes approved.

**Mary Lyons Nursing Home – Extension for Order of Conditions**

Tracy Adamski, Tighe & Bond representing Mary Lyons Nursing Home was present and explained the extension was necessary as there has been unanticipated delays in the project. Phil Grant asked if the original plan would be changed as a result of any river bank changes that may have occurred during the October 2005 storm? Ms. Adamski stated she did not know of any changes that had occurred and has not reviewed site. Following discussion, an extension would be granted contingent that a review be done of the river bank and that no changes would be necessary in the original plan. Jeff Liquori made motion to approve a one year extension contingent on an environmental assessment of any changes that may have occurred during the 2005 flood. A letter and pictures will be submitted to the Conservation Commission for documentation and if adjustments need to be made then the Order of Conditions will have to be amended. VOTING: Yes- Jeff Liquori, Pat Cote, Phil Grant and Bonnie Geromini. NO- none

**8:15PM – Notice of Intent, Ames Road, Westbrook Estates**

Heather Comee, Pioneer Environmental and Gary Weiner, Ecotec were present to review project. Heather explained the stormwater requirements for a 5 lot versus a 3 lot plan. Gary Weiner explained they looked at the standards for the driveway and the proposed driveway meets all standards except for infiltration. Infiltration trench will now be installed. Phil Grant questioned if the swales would handle all the pollutants coming off the driveway and if a long term maintenance plan would be included. Gary Weiner answered a maintenance plan could be included in the Order of Conditions and that the swales would handle the pollutants. Driveway will be paved and not gravel. Pat Cote stated she would like to see topography marked on plans and questioned what the hardship was. Heather Comee explained the hardship is that without going into the riverfront there would not be access to the buildable lots.

Phil Grant made motion to continue hearing and recommended 401 filing be done. Second by Jeff Liquori. Motion approved. Hearing continued until May 21, 2008 at 8:15PM.

Bonnie Geromini made motion to close meeting. Second by Jeff Liquori. Meeting closed at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk

