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Minutes approved on Jan. 21, 2009

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
December 17, 2008

Present: Jeff Liquori, Bonnie Geromini, Phil Grant and Pat Cote.
Guest: Jack Matthews, Judy McKinley Brewer, and John Banas

Meeting opened by Jeff Liquori at 7:00 PM.

River Park Drive- The Hampden Conservation Commission has received several complaints regarding activities on the River Park Drive site. Jeff Liquori and Mr. Weichselbaumer walked the site on December 17, 2008 and found nothing that violated the Wetlands Protection Act. As this property has previously been established as agricultural land, the activity going on there is allowed. Bonnie Geromini questioned how this land was deemed agricultural. Jeff Liquori explained that the property was in 61A when sold to current owner and that he could not find anything stating the property changed designation when sold. The shed has been moved as requested. A letter will be sent stating the decision of the commission and explaining what is allowed as farming activity and that there be no activity within 25 feet of the bank of a water body and the topography cannot be changed in the areas that fall within the buffer zone and bordering land subject to flooding. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Selectmen.

Colantoni- 52 Main Street- An Emergency Certificate will be issued when documentation from Natural Heritage has been received by Jill Cafarelli. Motion made by Jeff Liquori to accept the Emergency Certificate as written, to be activated when documentation is received from Natural Heritage. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved.

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Jeff made motion to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Minutes approved as amended.

Carmine Angeloni, Division of State Parks and Recreation will be asked to come to the next meeting to explain the process for Forest Cutting Plans.

1 South Road- Phil Grant reported he received a call regarding the property on 1 South Road. Phil went to look at the property and found nothing in the river, only lawn furniture near the river. A letter will be sent requesting that lawn furniture and other things be kept back from riverbank.

Ames Road- Jeff Liquori made motion to extend for 90 days the Notice of Intent. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved.

John Banas has expressed an interest in becoming a member and will attend the next meeting before making his decision. Judy McKinley Brewer was also present at the meeting but had not received appointment to the Commission from the Selectmen. Jeff Liquori will ask the Selectmen about this.

Glendale Road- Mr. Anderson of Wilbraham has complained about a resident in Hampden changing topography of his land which is causing flooding on his property. A site visit was done on this property several

months ago and there was no noticeable activity going on or that had been done. A letter was sent to Mr. Anderson and to Mr. Rick Green, Selectmen stating there were no legitimate areas of concern for this property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk