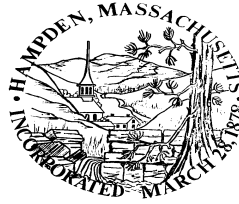


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Minutes approved May 20, 2009

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2009**

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

**Members present** – Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Pat Cote, Judy McKinley Brewer and Bonnie Geromini

**Minutes** – The minutes from the March 18, 2009 regular meeting and Public hearings were read. Jeff Liquori made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Phil Grant seconded. Motion approved.

**7:00PM Notice of Intent- Commercial Drive- continued:** A letter has been sent to the Town Attorney requesting definition of what constitutes a “hardship”. No reply has been received to date. Pat Cote suggested asking MACC for a suggestion of someone who has expertise in conservation issues to provide answer regarding “a hardship”. Septic design has been designed but not submitted to Board of Health. A portion of the building is 10’ from the wetland area. Gabion baskets will be the first thing installed to serve as the erosion control barriers.

Phil Grant asked if some type of restoration area would be completed to offset the work being done in the wetlands. Heather Comee replied they would be willing to do a replication area as well as take out the Japanese bamboo. Pat Cote asked if they had considered certifying the vernal pool. Heather Comee replied they would be willing to do so if the Conservation Commission would like to have it done.

Replication plan will be designed as soon as hardship is defined. Heather ran stream stats and provided an overview. However, some of the information has not been completed.

Jeff Liquori made motion to continue meeting until May 20, 2009 at 7:00PM. Motion approved.

**7:35PM Connie Witt-Simkin’sHouse, Allen Street-** Connie Witt came before the Commission with information regarding moving this home to a site next to the Senior Center. She was hoping the Historical Commission would undertake this project but the Historical Commission has voted not to do so. She is currently looking for another entity to take it on.

**7:45PM SPECIAL MEETING - Request for Determination, Parks & Recreation**

Larry Forrest presented plan for installing a sprinkler system in the spray park area. Turf will be established within the chain link fence area. No fertilizer will be used. No trenching, top soil and hydro seeding will be applied.

Jeff Liquori made motion to accept the Request for Determination for the Sprinkler System. Phil Grant seconded. Motion approved. **VOTING: Yes:** Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Pat Cote and Judy McKinley Brewer. **No: None**

Jeff Liquori made motion to issue a Negative Determination. Bonnie Geromini seconded. Motion approved. **VOTING: Yes:** Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Pat Cote and Judy McKinley Brewer. **No: None** Jeff Liquori made motion to close meeting. Phil Grant seconded. Motion approved.

**8:00PM SPECIAL MEETING – Request for Determination, Fire Dept.**

Chief Mike Gorski presented information regarding installation of dry hydrant at Mill Pond. Proposed pipe would go under pond then come up with a tube visible so fire trucks can stay on the road and hook up for water. The Fire Dept. is hoping to have the work done at the end of May and all the work will be completed in one day. Site visit will be done on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 8:00AM. Meeting continued until May 20, 2009 at 7:30PM.

**8:15PM Mr. Paul Huiing- 40 Mountain View** – Mr. Huiing explained addition and renovation proposed for an existing home. He wanted direction as to type of filing the Commission would require. After some discussion it was determined he should file a RFD. Site visit will be done on May 16, 2009 at 8:45AM.

**8:30PM Beryle Doten-** Beryl came before the Commission requesting permission to have a Community Garden on South Road Conservation land. They would be using ½ of the field area for the gardens. No chemical fertilizers will be used. Volunteers and overseers will handle the project with the Hampden Garden Club sponsoring it. Selectmen are in favor of this proposal. The Garden Club will check with the Boy Scouts regarding the blue bird houses and Sherry Himmelstein regarding property line, and they cannot hinder the trail.

Jeff Liquori made motion to allow the Hampden Garden Club to sponsor the Community Gardens on the South Road Conservation land. Judy McKinley Brewer seconded. Motion approved. **VOTE: Yes** - Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Pat Cote and Judy McKinley Brewer. **No: None**

**A site visit** has been completed on 5 Ridge Road. Bonnie Geromini made motion to issue a Certificate of Completion on 5 Ridge Road with the condition that 7 & 8 on the Order of Condition remain. Pat Cote seconded. Motion approved. . **VOTE: Yes** - Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Pat Cote and Judy McKinley Brewer. **No: None**

Permission was given to the clerk to purchase a copier for the office.

Jeff Liquori made motion to adjourn at 9:05pm. Phil Grant seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Judy Mikkola, Clerk