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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 17, 2009**

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

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

RFD-Hampden Volunteer Fire Dept. (cont.) - Site visit was completed on June 6, 2009. Project of installing the dry hydrant is planned to be completed as soon as possible. Jeff Liquori made motion to close meeting. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Jeff Liquori made motion to provide a Negative Determination on the Request for Determination for the dry hydrant project. Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. Motion approved. **VOTING: YES: Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini and Judy McKinley Brewer, Abstained: Pat Cote**

7:10PM Danial Burack- NOI Commercial Drive (cont.) – Pete Levesque from Pioneer Environmental, Gary Weiner from Ecotec, and Danial Burack presented revised plan. The plan was redesigned to relocate the work further away from the wetlands to lessen the alteration of the 25' No Disturb Zone. The location of the building and the location of the parking lot were revised. It also included an additional 2,650 SF of supplemental planting in order to provide a 1:1 ration of mitigation enhancement to the No Disturb Zone. There will also be a deed restriction around the vernal pool area by restricting building and altering beyond the limit of work like. Forestry will not be allowed in the deed restricted area except for control of invasive species and habitat enhancement.

Bonnie Geromini stated she was still concerned about so much disturbance into the 25' no disturb zone. Gary Weiner stated he felt that this was a "hardship" because it was the only way the project could be done. Bonnie stated that sometimes there is land that should not be built upon and when Mr. Burack bought the property he knew at the 25' no disturb zone.

Pat Cote questioned the elevations on the plan. Gary Weiner stated they were taken from a street reference point and were only used in relation to that point to show relative elevations and depressions of the topography. Pat Cote also asked for further explanation of the septic system design on the new plan. Pete Levesque explained that it was a raised system, several feet above the ground water and would be thoroughly reviewed for Title 5 compliance by the Board of Health and DEP.

Jeff Liquori made motion to accept plan as amended. Seconded by Phil Grant.

VOTING: YES- Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant and Judy McKinley Brewer. No- Pat Cote and Bonnie Geromini.

Bonnie Geromini wanted it included in the minutes why she voted no:

(1) The 25' No Disturb Zone by-law was in effect before Mr. Burack bought the property; (2) None of the buildings on Commercial Drive were allowed to develop within the 25' no disturb area.(Those build after the by-law and regulation took effect.)

Mr. Burack agreed to waive the 21 days for the Order of Conditions so they will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting on July 15, 2009.

7:50PM NOI Martin- Lot 5&6 South Road, (cont.)- Jeff Liquori made motion to continue hearing until the July 15, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Pat Cote. Motion approved.

7:55PM RFD Colantoni, 52 Main Street- Jill Cafferati reviewed the comments from the DEP as well as those from Natural Heritage. The Commission needs a response from Natural Heritage before they can make a decision. As soon as a response is received a meeting will be scheduled. Phil Grant made motion to lift the Enforcement Order to allow for grading and reseeding of road bank. Seconded by Jeff Liquori. Motion approved. VOTING: YES- Jeff Liquori, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Judy McKinley Brewer and Pat Cote. Hearing continued until July 25, 2009.

8:15PM RFD- John Matthews, III, 28 North Monson Road- Melissa Graves reviewed project of driveway maintenance and culvert repair. There would be a change in the topography of the driveway and the area is not in the Natural Heritage polygon or in the flood zone. Bonnie Geromini and Phil Grant felt that a NOI should be filed if the pitch of the driveway was to be changed. Following discussion, it was agreed that a Negative Determination could be given if the topography of driveway was not changed. Jeff Liquori made motion to close meeting. Seconded by Pat Cote. Motion approved. Jeff Liquori made motion to issue a Negative Determination for the culvert repair, capping of culvert, resurfacing of repaired and existing driveway with the condition the topography not be changed. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. VOTE: Yes- Jeff Liquori, Pat Cote, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini and Judy McKinley Brewer.

8:45PM – Sherry Himmelstein presented the Minnechaug Land Trust's next project of purchasing the land around Goat Rock. The Land Trust will be applying for funds from the state's Land Grant which if approved will pay for 66% of the purchase price. The balance to be requested from CPA funds.

Sherry also spoke of the need to update the Open Space plan. Bonnie, Jeff and Pat volunteered to help with this along with other community volunteers. A letter requesting local technical assistance from Pioneer Planning Commission will be sent this week. A Visioning Session will also be held to provide an opportunity for public comment.

Sherry reported that Harold Green has approached her regarding no hunting signs that have been posted on his land in error. These signs will be taken down.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and reviewed. Motion made to accept minutes. Motion approved.

Residents from Potash Hill Lane have called with concerns regarding a possible extension of the road for development. The Commission has not received any information regarding this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Submitted by: Judith Mikkola, Clerk