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**Conservation Commission**  
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Bonnie Geromini  
Philip Grant

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2009**

Present: Jeff Liquori, Bonnie Geromini, Phil Grant, Judy McKinley Brewer and Pat Cote

The meeting was opened at 6:50 by Jeff Liquori.

**7:00 pm-** John Clarke, from Rocky Mountain came before the Commission to provide information on the Working Forest Initiative. The initiative is funded by DCR's Working Forest Initiative and managed by the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation Estate Planning Outreach.

A working stewardship plan for managing conservation land would include description of property, describe practices for next 10 years, such as painting boundaries, harvesting of trees, recreation trails, and invasive species control. Reimbursement for the management plans is \$850 for 10-36 acres; \$850 + \$12.00/acre over 35 acres for 36-500 acres. There are no matching funds needed to obtain the grant money.

Copies of plans from the towns of Sturbridge and Wilbraham were given to the Commission to review. The Commission can do the plan themselves or hire someone to do it. Bonnie Geromini will pass the information on to the Board of Directors of the Hampden Land Trust and they will be in contact with John Clarke.

**Mr. and Mrs. Costanza** of North Road have requested an extension of the Request for Determination on 401 North Road issued on November 11, 2006. No extensions are available on RFD's so the Costanza's will have to file a new RFD before they begin work on the property. A letter to this effect will be sent to the Costanza's.

**Minutes** from the previous meeting were accepted as amended,

**Highland Circle-** A potential buyer for property at the end of Highland Circle is requesting the Commission to walk the property with them to see if there are any conservation issues. The buyer will be notified that the Commission would be happy to walk the site but a plot plan of the property is needed with the boundaries clearly marked. Also, the Commission can visit the property but it is strongly recommended that they hire an Environmental Engineer to give them all the information that would be needed and would be able to tell them if an RFD or a NOI is needed.

Jeff Liquori made motion to close meeting. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Judy Mikkola, Clerk