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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bonnie Geromini.

RFD STAFFORD ROAD- Heather Comee sent in a written request for continuation of the meeting until the December 16th meeting as Natural Heritage has asked for revision to the proposed plans. An overlay on the GIS mapping system shows a lot of the property in Natural Heritage jurisdiction.

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Bonnie Geromini made motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Pat Cote. Minutes approved.

Beginning in January the Hampden Planning Board will be requesting each of the businesses in the Commercial District to come in for a site plan review to confirm the current uses of the properties and current leases. The Commission reviewed the schedule for these meeting.

Sue Bower, Chapin Road- December 7th is the proposed date for moving the Simkins house to her property on Chapin Road. Selectmen have asked town boards to respond in writing with any concerns regarding this move to ensure that all concerns have been satisfied. Judy McKinley Brewer has tried several times to set up a site visit but Ms. Bower has been away. The Commission reviewed the map submitted by Ms. Bower. The map did not show topography, the well or septic placement. An engineering plan will be requested. A site visit is planned for Saturday, November 28th at 9:00AM.

Beaumier property- 298 North Road- The planning board will be holding a public hearing on December 9, 2009 for a special permit filed by Roger Beaumier for a single existing non-conforming common drive for the existing lot and a future lot and a waiver on an existing non-conforming three sided horse barn to be located on the new lot. The Commission reviewed the plan and would ask the Planning Board to make sure the stream located on the lot is protected as the plan did not show the driveway placement.

Sherry Himmelstein has purchased an additional 21 acres adjoining their property on South Road. She would like to place 17 of the acres into Conservation Restriction. Minnechaug Land Trust will hold the restriction. In order for the restriction to be permanent the Conservation Commission and Selectmen need to sign. This land will be part on the open space plan in the area.

Bonnie Geromini made motion to sign the Conservation Restriction. Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. Motion approved.

Beryle Doten has sent a letter to the Conservation Commission stating the Hampden Garden Club will not be using the South Road conservation land for the Community Gardens. The South Road property was found not to be suitable for gardens. They are working with Laughing Brook to find a suitable area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Submitted by: Judith Mikkola, Clerk

