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Patricia Cote  
Bonnie Geromini  
Philip Grant

**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2009**

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

**Sherry Himmelstein** appeared before the Commission and reported that the Open Space update is near completion. Some areas not ready yet, such as letters from Planning Board, Municipal Officer, etc. and various charts need to be completed. Once completed the 2009 update will be good for seven years.

**7:05 PM – Sue Bower, Chapin Road** brought in the plot plan for the placement of the Simkins house. The plan was reviewed and showed a section of the driveway will be in the buffer zone. The Commission agreed that Ms. Bower would need to file an RFD because of the driveway placement. Because the project is on higher ground there is a chance for erosion so silt barriers will need to be placed along the driveway where it bends up to the proposed septic system site. The wetlands also need to be marked.

**RFD-Lot 2A and 2B Stafford Road** has asked for continuation. Jeff Liquori made motion to continue meeting until the January 20, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. Motion approved.

**The State Ethics Commission** has recently undergone some changes relative to education and training requirements on Conflict of Interest Laws. A summary of the law and a written acknowledgement of receipt were given to all Commission members. Members signed the acknowledgements and they will be returned to the Selectmen's office and then filed with the town clerk. An online training program must be completed by all Commission members sometime on or before April 2, 2010.

**Phil Grant** requested the Commission to look into whether the \$40 fee for Request for Determinations is necessary. The fee was put in place due to the cost of legal ads which were directly billed to the Conservation Commission. Currently the cost of legal ads is billed directly to the applicant. Jeff Liquori will contact Mark Stinson for clarification.

**Minutes** of the November 20, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

**Bethlehem Baptist Church-** A letter will be sent to Pastor MacLeod requesting he attend our January 20, 2010 meeting for an update and to review plans for the new building.

Jeff Liquori made motion to close meeting. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Submitted by: Judith Mikkola, Clerk