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**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
July 21, 2010**

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

7:00 RFD-Stephen and Suzanna Haskins – Riverpark Drive

The Haskins will clean up the trees that are in the wet area. The trees will be cut up and loaded onto a truck and hauled away. No other equipment will be used. The stumps will not be pulled out but will be cut down to a lower height.

Judy McKinley Brewer made motion to issue a negative determination with the condition that the stumps will not be pulled and they will try to stay within a dry area. When work is completed they will call the Commission for an inspection. Seconded by Pat Cote.

VOTE: Yes: Bonnie Geromini, Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grant and Pat Cote NO: none

7:15 RFD-Miriam Meeker-8 South Road

Ms. Meeker wishes to cut down a dead tree on the bank of the Scantic River. Site visit showed dead tree leaning on several others.

Phil Grant made motion to issue a negative determination. Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. **VOTE Yes: Bonnie Geromini, Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grand and Pat Cote, NO: None.**

7:30 RFD-Lot 2a William Baxter – 193 Mountain Road

Mr. Baxter showed proposed building lot on an estate lot. Westbrook is in back of property. Discussion followed as to whether Westbrook is a perennial or intermittent stream. A site visit will be done Sat. July 31st at 8am. Mr. Baxter will need to file a Notice of Intent.

7:50 RFD-Lot 2A & 2B Stafford Road

Heather Comee, Pioneer Environmental presented the final decision from Mass Heritage. The proposed project will result in a take for the Wood Turtle resulting in Mr. Cimino choosing a mitigation option, consisting of a filing for a Conservation & Management Permit, placing a deed restriction on a portion of the site. And making a donation to NHESP, to be used to purchase Wood Turtle habitat. Mr. Cimino has agreed to pay \$3850 to compensate for the required 1.10 acres of required mitigation. To maintain the deed restricted field habitat, a maintenance endowment of \$50.00 per year for 20-years (\$1000) must also be included in the escrow account. A \$4850 escrow account and deed restriction will be established for NHESP, to result in a net benefit to the Wood Turtle. Conservation & Management permit will be issued by Natural Heritage and monitored by them.

Pat Cote made motion to continue until the August meeting at 7:15. Seconded by Phil Grant.

VOTE: Yes: Bonnie Geromini, Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grant and Pat Cote.

August notes

8:00 RFD-Bethlehem Baptist Church

Peer review from Tighe and Bond was reviewed with Heather Comee. A new plan was presented with all flagging put on plan and labeled. The Vernal pool has been identified on the plan and can be certified sometime in the spring. Wetland and resource delineations and the proposed work will be outside of the resource areas and buffer zones.

**Motion made by Phil Grant to close the meeting on Bethlehem Baptist Church.
Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer.**

8:30- Fred Markham-Howlett Hill

They have been granted a forest cutting plan with a permit for a temporary bridge. Mr. Markham currently has it for four years and can extend it two times a year at a time. A temporary bridge will be made from timbers on top of stone. Mr. Markham is planning to place the land in 61A .

Commission to do site visit on Saturday, July 31st at 8:45 am.

Arthur Efantis-10 South Road

Mr. Efantis continues to ignore commission's requests and the enforcement order. Phil Grant to contact Mark Stinson at the DEP.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Motion made to accept minutes with correction.

RFD-Himmelstein-South Road – Norm Turnberg to bring in new plan showing how the bridge is to be done. The Determination will be amended to reflect changes.

Judy McKinley Brewer made motion to close meeting. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Judy Mikkola, Clerk

6:30 Arthur Efantis , 10 South Rd, Hampden, MA

Mark Stinson, DEP was present to do a site visit at 10 South Rd prior to the meeting.

Pat described work already done like putting down mulch, trees already have been taken down, driveway put in. No digging of area only screen put down then cement.

Proposed roof and deck plan were shown to be a pre-existing and not under Conservation Commission. Nothing will be done about the plastic and woodchips until he comes up with a restoration plan for planting along the 15" strip along the bank of the river. The restoration plan must be presented at the next meeting of Sept. 15, 2010 at 7P.M. The area along the driveway must be restored and grass planted. Tree cleanup will be allowed immediately with bobcat. End of driveway must be cleaned up and grass seed put down.

VOTE: Yes: Jeffrey Liquori , Chairman, Judy McKinley Brewer, seconded.

8:00 RFD- Bethlehem Baptist Church

Site plan was reviewed with Mark Stinson. The Vernal pool has been identified on the plan and can be certified sometime in the spring. The following determinations were made by the Conservation Commission.

Positive Determination:

2a. BVW Mean Annual High Line/Riverfront

I.L.S.F.

Vernal Pool per town by-law

6. Potential vernal pool falls within town by-law

Negative Determination:

3. Slurry from well drilling will not impact resource area.

Norma Buckley has agreed to take over the position of clerk for the Conservation Commission starting with the August 18, 2010 meeting. Motion was approved by Jeffery Liquori, motion was 2nd and approved.

Minutes of the August 18, 2010 Conservation Commission meeting were reviewed and motion made to approve by Jeffery Liquori , Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd.

Submitted by: Norma Buckley, Clerk