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**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2011**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present: Phil Grant, Pat Cote, Judy McKinley Brewer  
Absent: Bonnie Geromini**

**The meeting was opened with Phil Grant acting chairman.**

**7:00 p.m.** The previous minutes from the January 7, 2011 meeting and the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted as read by Phil Grant and seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. The minutes from the February 16, 2011 meeting were reviewed and accepted with an amendment and revised. They were accepted by Phil Grant and seconded by Pat Cote.

**7:20 p.m.** Heather Comee from Pioneer Environmental representing Mr. Kane from M & M Realty Trust and Gary Weiner from ECOTEC were in attendance to address the Potash Hill Rd. project owned by Mr. Kane. The previous forestry project was discussed and the remaining stumps still there to be taken out.

A letter was sent to Melissa Coady at Tighe & Bond about a peer review of the Potash Road gravel pit and the shared driveway project. The committee is looking for a written statement as to their findings regarding their January 11, 2011 walk thru review of the wetlands delineation. The Conservation Commission has not received any additional information from Tighe & Bond as requested. A follow up call will be made to them.

Mr. Kane has agreed to contact GZA Geo Environmental Inc. to conduct a wildlife habitat study for the portion of the river front to be impacted by the project. Mr. Kane has agreed to apply a Conservation Deed Restriction to a portion of the property in order to protect against future development. The details will be reviewed on this matter at a future meeting. The Conservation Committee will consider a third party review. Phil Grant, chairman would consider them doing a written report on the wetlands but would consider other options on the property.

Mr. McKeon, a Potash Hill resident had questions about the project and so did a property owner right at the end of the street. They are concerned about the runoff of the water after the gravel is taken off the property and where the water will be diverted to. There were also questions about the riverfront area, habitat, the gravel removal, and the present stumps to be removed. The committee will ask Mark Stinson DEP to come to the next meeting to discuss this project. Judy McKinley Brewer made the motion and Pat Cote seconded it, all were in favor.

**9:00 p.m.** Mr. Carabetta, 308 Somers Rd. came in with his map for the proposed driveway onto the property for an entrance to two proposed estate lots. It was decided to do a site visit on the property before any decisions were made.

**9:15 p.m.** Memorial Park improvements: The project was discussed on how the water would be diverted while the culvert was replaced with a bridge. Also stabilizing the banks of the stream was discussed to stop erosion. The kinds of flowers and shrubs that would be placed there were discussed along with the removal of invasive species that are there. More information will be at the April 20, 2011 meeting.

**9:30 p.m.** It was decided to do site visits on Saturday, March 26, 2011 to the following properties:

**8:00 a.m.** Carabetta, 308 Somers Rd., Hampden, MA

**9:00 a.m.** Potash Hill project

**9:45 a.m.** McCarthy, 283 Somers Rd. (former Giri property)

Letters will be sent out to property owners on about site visits

**9:50 p.m.** The meeting was called to a close at 9:50 p.m. by Phil Grant and seconded by Pat Cote, all were in favor.