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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 20, 2011
MINUTES**

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

Members Present – Bonnie Geromini, Philip Grant, Judy McKinley Brewer, Pat Cote

7:00 p.m. Sign invoices, payroll sheet, discuss site visits done prior week.

7:15 p.m. HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION – Memorial Park Restoration

Bob White from Hampden Parks and Rec talked about the plants in Memorial Park and the replacing of the ones that will be taken out. The commission asked that the plants next to the river bank not be disturbed. Invasive plants will be labeled by a knowledgeable person (Heather Comee). The newly planted silky dogwood can be thinned out as it grows when necessary. A letter from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife was included with the project description on the improvements to be done at Memorial Park. The commission will issue an Order of Conditions to the Park & Rec. Dept

VOTING FOR -----VOTING AGAINST

Bonnie Geromini
Pat Cote
Phil Grant
Judy McKinley Brewer

None

7:30 p.m. POTASH HILL LANE PROJECT – M & M REALTY TRUST – CONTINUED Bonnie

Geromini read the wetland delineation review, done by Tighe & Bond. The peer review concerning a regulatory review of the N.O.I. was also discussed. The commission expressed that they were in favor of Tighe & Bond doing this review but would consider the other two proposals submitted by firms suggested by Mr. Kane at the previous meeting. Mr. Kane stated that his attorney advised him that Tighe & Bond should not be considered because of a conflict of interest with him personally. Two of the peer review proposals were submitted and reviewed. Mr. Kane asked the commission to choose one of the proposals because he did not want to delay the project waiting for the commission to seek another firm. At meeting time Tighe & Bond had not yet submitted a proposal for the regulatory review. Phil Grant raised a discussion of the slope of the hill on Potash Hill after the gravel had been taken out. Phil Grant made a motion to accept the proposal by Sherman and Frydryk. The applicant and the commission agreed to continue the hearing until May 18, 2011 meeting.

VOTING FOR-----VOTING AGAINST

Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Judy McKinley Brewer

Pat Cote

8:15 p.m. MR. CARABETTA , 308 SOMERS RD. HAMPDEN, MA. – ORDER OF CONDITIONS

Mr. Carabetta brought in his plans for the two proposed houses on the property at 308 Somers Rd., Hampden, MA. The plans showed the proposed driveway for the two houses. An Order of Conditions will be done with specified determinations for the proposed project. Phil Grant made a motion to accept and Judy McKinley Brewer seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTING FOR-----VOTING AGAINST

Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Pat Cote
Judy McKinley Brewer

None

8:40 p.m. DISCUSSION WITH MR. RICK GREENE ON SCANTIC RIVER CLEAN UP

Mr. Rick Greene came in with Mr. Dorn to talk about some river cleanup. Pictures were shown of how the water is cutting into the bank near Mr. Bonds house and the slash piles above River Park Drive and above the Mill Rd. bridge and when it can be done. Mr. Greene talked about doing some of the cleanup by hand as it would not be accessible by equipment. He talked about possibly taking one course of stone down off the dam and placing them at other locations in the river to prevent washing out the banks along the river. He had pictures of the Scantic River and how the river is flowing and destroying the river banks along the side. Slash piles cleanup was suggested as a way to start the river project. Arlene and George Fisher property owners along the river also talked about how much silt is coming on their property from the river.

There was a discussion about the site visits that have to be done to the businesses along the river and the violations that are on the property. This will be taken up at another meeting as to when site visits will be done. Mr. Green suggested that the Planning Board should go back and look at the original conditions that were put on these businesses when they opened. He suggested that a letter from the Conservation Commission be sent to the Planning Board stating what looks to be significant amount of repair activity and long term equipment storage with possible oil leakage or fluid leaks. These leakages could permeate into the river and cause health problems and danger to the eco/system.

VOTING FOR-----VOTING AGAINST

Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Pat Cote
Judy McKinley Brewer

None

9:35 p.m. PAWLOWICZ PROPERTY NOI FORM 3 BOOKLET

The form 3 NOI booklet was received from Pioneer Environmental, Inc. for Pat Pawlowicz of 252 East Longmeadow Rd., Hampden. It was distributed to the committee members. A site visit will be done at the property on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:50 p.m. by Phil Grant and seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer, the decision was unanimous.

