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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 20, 2011

MINUTES

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

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

Bonnie Geromini opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance sheet of public meeting is attached:

7:00 p.m. Potash Hill Lane: Gary Weiner, ECOTEC, Heather Comee, Pioneer Environmental , Michael Kane, M & M Realty. A special meeting on July 6, 2011 at 6:30 was posted on the board at the town hall. The meeting was to produce a copy of the Order of Conditions to be presented at the July 20, 2011 meeting. There were a few changes that needed to be typed on the OOC and then the final copy was presented to Mr. Kane of M & M Realty at the July 20, 2011 meeting. Pat Cote read her reasons for denying the permit.

Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini voted to approve the permit on the project with the copy of the 28 Order of Conditions that had been voted on at the July 6, 2011 meeting. Pat Cote voted to deny the permit. A copy of her reasons are attached to the minutes.

Bonnie Geromini made a motion to close the hearing on the Potash Hill Lane project at 7:25 p.m. and Phil Grant 2nd the motion. All were in favor of the vote.

7:30 p.m. Columbia Gas: Request for Determination Jesse Marino from Columbia Gas presented plans for new gas lines. The new gas lines are replacing the seven (7) old lines that are now out of compliance and putting in two (2) new modern lines. The improvements will allow Columbia Gas to remain in compliance with state standards regarding natural gas services. Work to be done will be outside the edge of the pavement in the tree belt and will not be a detriment to the infrastructure of the roadways. All landscaping will be restored to pre-construction quality by their sub-contractors. Current regulator stations along the roadsides in those areas will be eliminated. Silt soxx will be laid down for the prevention of water and erosion during the work. The work will be done on Mill Road near Genevieve Dr and on Wilbraham Rd near Eco Valley and Pondview Dr. Markings have already been put in the road for these projects. It was decided to do a site visit of both projects on Monday August 1, 2011 at 6:00. Everyone will meet in the Town Hall parking lot to go to the sites.

Bonnie Geromini made the motion to continue Columbia Gas at the August 1, 2011 site visit. Pat Cote 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

8:15 p.m. National Grid - Colin Duncan, Andrea Desilets They presented the Hampden County Reliability Project which is a 10 mile existing preferred route R-170 for National Grid. They talked about the proposed substation that will be built off Allen St on the former Grand Prix Farm and the dismantling of the existing substation on the other side of the road. Several aerial maps were presented for the project overview. The proposed work is scheduled to begin sometime in 2013.

8:45 p.m. Meeting minutes

Meeting minutes for the June 15, 2011 meeting were accepted with corrections

Meeting minutes for the July 6, 2011 meeting were accepted with corrections.

Bonnie made a motion to accept both meeting minutes, Pat Cote 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Bonnie made motion to close the July 20, 2011 meeting, Phil Grant 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was closed at 8:53.