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Conservation Commission

Judy McKinley Brewer
Patricia Cote
Bonnie Geromini
Philip Grant

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2011

MINUTES

**Commission members present: Judy McKinley Brewer, Philip Grant, Pat Cote
Bonnie Geromini, Absent**

Phil Grant, Acting Chairman opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The September minutes were reviewed. Judy McKinley Brewer approved the minutes with corrections and Phil Grant accepted. All were in favor.

A request from Ms. Lappalainen from 85 Baldwin Dr. was addressed about trees in the water in back of her house. She was questioning who would take them out. A request was sent to Dana Pixley and also the Selectman's office on this matter for them to follow up on.

At 7:13 p.m. Chief Gorski came in regarding the request for determination on the dry fire hydrant to be installed at 284 Glendale Rd. There would be no changes to the site as they would only need 3 to 4 feet off the road to pull a fire truck in to retrieve water for the truck. Pat Cote questioned the water and said it looked stagnant but the Chief assured her that they have taken 6000 to 8000 gallons of water out of it before and there was no affect to the water level. The pond is being fed from underground in four directions. Pat Cote questioned if it was a vernal pool and Judy McKinley Brewer said it is not a vernal pool as it always has water in it. The pond is on property that is privately owned and it was asked that the Chief get a letter from the new owners giving the Town of Hampden permission to use the pond for water as the Fire Dept dry hydrant. The Chief assured the committee that he would get the letter from the owners.

Phil Grant decided to do a negative determination on the pond request of 9/19/11 with conditions of minimal disruptions of soil and habitat. Judy McKinley Brewer moved to accept the negative determination with conditions, Pat Cote 2nd motion, all were in favor.

Other items discussed were:

- **Possibility of lowering the level on the dam on Chapin Bridge on the Scantic to provide more water. It was noted by Chief Gorski that it was not feasible to take a level off the dam to provide more water.**
- **Talked about getting projector for committee to show photos of areas we are talking about to committee members and outside attendance at public meetings. Judy McKinley Brewer said she will look into it.**
- **Copy of Conservation and Management Permit issued to Michael Cimmino on lots 2A and 2B on Stafford Rd, Hampden were looked at and filed.**

The meeting was called to a close by Phil Grant at 8:14 p.m. Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion, all were in favor.