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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 16, 2012**

MINUTES

**Present: Bonnie Geromini, Philip Grant, Judy McKinley Brewer,
Pat Cote.**

- 7:00 p.m. The committee talked about the WPA Emergency Certification Form that was made out by Selectman Rick Greene for Mr. Dorn of 45 Riverpark Dr. in Hampden, MA. The Emergency Certificate was given with special conditions of no wheeled equipment or tracked equipment allowed in the resource area. Judy McKinley Brewer made the motion to accept the Emergency Certification Form with the special conditions. Bonnie Geromini 2nd the motion. Phil Grant and Pat Cote were in favor of the motion.
- 7:15 p.m. The April 18, 2012 minutes were reviewed and approved with adjustments by Judy McKinley Brewer and 2nd by Phil Grant. Bonnie Geromini and Pat Cote were in favor of the April 18, 2012 minutes.
- 7:20 p.m. Kelly Lane Project: Mr. & Mrs. Killoy talked about their rainwater garden to protect the water run off to the wetlands. The commission requested that 25' markers be put in around the buffer. Phil Grant made a motion to accept the Negative Determination with the 25' markers and Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion. Bonnie Geromini and Pat Cote were in favor of the motion.
- 7:35 p.m. Bennett Rd. Project: Applicant (Jason Balut) representative Alex MacLeod presented information on having access to the property to do perk tests on the land. He is requesting to build a timber bridge to get into the property so a rubber tire backhoe may have access to complete the perk test. The bridge will be 10' wide and 20' long and will be dismantled after the tests are done. The commission decided to do a site visit on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 3:30 on the Bennett Rd property. The commission will meet in the Town Hall parking lot. Bonnie Geromini made a motion to ratify and Judy McKinley 2nd the motion. Phil Grant and Pat Cote were in favor of the motion.

- 7:50 p.m. The commission received a driveway permit application from Lance Trevallion, Building Inspector. The permit was from Peter Hatch requesting to build a driveway at 35 Scantic Rd, Hampden, MA. Judy McKinley Brewer will address this matter in a letter to Mr. Hatch. The GIS map shows no wetlands on his property; however, he is clearly within the NHESP priority habitat area and must file with NHESP before building. We will request Mr. Hatch to file an RDA with NHESP and the Conservation Commission.
- 8:00 p.m. Mr. Carabetta and Michael Mocko, Environmental Consultant from Ward Engineering Associates, Inc. talked about the anticipated driveway at 308 Somers Rd. Mr. Carabetta's neighbors and abutters were present at the meeting, Mr. Allegrezza of 328 Somers Rd., and Mr. Mascaro of 316 Somers Rd. explained to the commission that they had no problem with the new driveway. Mr. Mocko went into an explanation of what the land would look like when completed. Pat Cote questioned whether the flow of water would increase due to removal of the vegetation. Judy McKinley Brewer asked whether the house could be moved out of the riverfront area before the next meeting. The driveway will remain the same as approved with a finished width of 14 ft wide. One of the abutters, Mr. Mascaro had questions about the grading changes and would he get more water flow to his property than before. Mr. Mocko assured him that he would get no more water than he gets now. Two types of grass would be planted, one to be mowed the other does not have to be mowed but once a year. Mr. Mocko said taking the vegetation in that area would not affect the flow of water to the area in question. Mr. Mocko said he would specify which grasses would be planted where. He also said only about 8 trucks of gravel would be taken out per day. After a very lengthy discussion on the matter, Mr. Grant suggested to stop the discussion and to meet again to discuss other subjects on the property at the next meeting. A site visit was scheduled for June 7th at 3:00 to visit Mr. Carabetta's property. Mr. Grant made a motion to close the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion. Phil Grant was in favor, Bonnie Geromini did not vote.
- 9:30 p.m. The meeting was closed.