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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 19, 2012 – Minutes

Present: Bonnie Geromini, Philip Grant, Judy McKinley Brewer, Pat Cote, Ted Zebert

- 7:00 p.m. Bonnie Geromini opened the December meeting of the Conservation Commission.
- 7:05 p.m. Richard Dion, 303 Scantic Rd – Site visit was done on Dec. 6, 2012 at 2:30 and a negative determination was given. The negative determination was accepted and signed. A copy was sent to DEP and Mr. Dian came in to pick up his copy.
- 7:10 p.m. Pate Cote questioned Mr. MacCarthy's Certificate of Compliance that was sent to his lawyer. Wants a note added to the file that he does not have to put lolly columns on the property. Pins were used instead. No pins were required in certain areas because there is a natural demarcation of the wetlands and buffer zone from the upland lawn.
- 7:15 p.m. Mike Mocko from Ward Engineering has sent notice that he will be filing a Request for Determination for the Debney property at 278 Scantic Road. Information will be forwarded to Conservation Committee.
- 7:20 p.m. Colin Dunkin from TRC Nat'l Grid has changed the original plans on Allen St. The culverts changed from one to two and there was a slight change in the delineation to wetland area. NHESP has cleared the project. They are looking to close their Order of Conditions. Phil Grant wanted to take a closer look at the Notice of Intent comments submitted by Sherman & Frydryk and their answers to them. They will be submitting final plans to DEP and the NOI will be continued till Jan meeting. A special meeting was set for Jan. 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Vote was taken by Bonnie Geromini and Pat Cote 2nd the motion.
- 7:50 p.m. A question was brought up by April Messier about possibly purchasing the Bongiorno property. She questioned about making the pond on the property larger and using the dirt to fill in a large dip near the road. Bonnie Geromini contacted Mark Stinson of DEP and was told that April Messier should call them directly on this matter.

- 7:55 p.m. Bonnie Mackay and Mike Conrad came in about land next to their property owned by Bethlehem Baptist Church. Tyler Witkop, correspondent for the Wilbraham-Hampden Times was also at the meeting for the concern about endangered species on the property. Claims that there would be an infringement to the habitat for an endangered species which resides on the property. Pictures were taken of spotted salamanders on the property and they wanted to know if these animals were endangered species. After looking at the pictures it was decided that they were not an endangered species. Abutters to the property have voiced many concerns with regard to the overall size of the church and the parking lot, the lack of aesthetic fit to the town, the effects to well water, traffic and safety, lighting, plans for future expansion, etc. Bonnie Geromini requested that the Conservation Commission contact the Planning Board and see if the church had submitted different plans than the ones we have on file that were two years old.
- 8:40 p.m. Hayes property on Chapin road has been accepted per Carmine Angeloni for the forestry work that was done.
- 8:45 p.m. Minutes from the November meeting were read and accepted with changes. Pat Cote made the motion to accept the minutes, Phil Grant 2nd the motion.
- 8:50 p.m. Bonnie Geromini made a motion to close the November meeting, Pat Cote 2nd the motion. The meeting was closed at 8:50 p.m.