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**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 20, 2013 – Minutes**

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

7:00 p.m. Bonnie Geromini opened the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conservation Commission.

7:05 p.m. Sherry Himmelstein talked about the 11 acre lot abutting the recently acquired West Brook Conservation Land. The purchase of this land is consistent with the goals of the Town's Master Plan and Open Space Plan. The purchase of the land will provide a connector to other town open space properties. Sherry Himmelstein will bring in other documentation she has on the monitoring of the land trust.

7:20 p.m. The minutes from the February 20, 2013 were read. Bonnie Geromini moved to accept the minutes as amended, Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

7:30 p.m. Dan Nitzsche from GZA appeared before the Commission representing the Hampden Country Club currently under a cease and desist order due to sediment in Wachaug Brook that flows into a priority habitat. He talked about the four ponds on the golf course and how two of them are clear and the other two are very muddy with sediment. They want to cap the water source going into the two ponds so no more sediment can go into them and clean them up. They think the sediment is possibly from open excavation that has been done on the course. Two wells are proposed for the Country Club. Mr. Nitzsche wanted approval so that the well company could start as soon as possible. The commission decided that other problems had to be cleared up before the wells could go in. Mr. Nitzsche agreed with the decision and said he would discuss it at a later date when clean up and stabilization had been done.

8:40 p.m. A Lions club member approached Bonnie Geromini and asked permission to do a Rubber Duck race on the Scantic River on Memorial Day. Bonnie Geromini told him that the commission needed to see plans for it at the next meeting on April 17, 2013.

8:45 p.m. The commission discussed Mr. Wentworth's land and his pond. A DEP representative has voiced opposition to the RDA granting an exemption for dam repairs. Mr. Wentworth needs to file an NOI for any work to be done on the pond.

8:57 p.m. Bonnie Geromini made the motion to close the March 20, 2013 meeting at 8:57, Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.