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**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday May 15, 2013 – Minutes**

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

- 7:00 p.m. The April 17, 2013 minutes were read and Pat Cote made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.
- 7:15 p.m. Maryellen Burson 672 Main Street has requested a Request for Determination for a septic system to be moved from the back of the house to the front of the house and the well to be moved 40 feet from the septic. Billy Bond will be doing the work. Bonnie Geromini moved to accept the request under 10.58 (6a). Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.
- 7:30 p.m. Phil Grant talked to the Hampden Country Club about the DEP violations. He requested during a visit to the club by DEP reps. that all violations be identified and what the Country Club will be doing about each violation. Several abutters were in attendance at the May 15, 2013 meeting and had questions about several things that were going on around the course. It was asked that they come to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> continuation meeting of the Country Club application..
- 7:45 p.m. Caron Environmental spoke about the installation of the 3.5 MW D solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 229 Somers Road (Kibbe Farm). Mr. Mayland indicated they will abide by the conditions requested by the DEP office and about 2 acres of the panels, located in ILSF have been removed from the plan on a new map, dated 5-10-2013. To construct those 2 acres they would need a 401 which would take about 6 months to get the special permit. The raised racking system is approximately 30 inches each and the three inverter/transformer stations will be approximately 300 ft each. The rest of the 15 acres will be left as open fields. The panels will be as low as 5 ft and as high as 12 ft. There would be a gate entrance for emergency personnel. There will be a Planning Board meeting on June 5, 2013 for additional information and also an information session at the Senior Center on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. available to answer any questions or concerns. Bonnie Geromini made the motion to accept the Soltas Energy proposal and issue an Order of Conditions and close the hearing. Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.
- 8:25 p.m. VFW made a slight change in their plans. They have elevated a rock above the river water line. A new plan was given to the Commission. Mt. Laurel will be planted behind the pavilion. A letter will be coming from DEP on this change. The meeting was continued till May 22, 2013 for the letter from NHESP.

8:50 p.m. Bonnie Geromini made the motion to close the Conservation Commission meeting at 8:50 p.m. Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.