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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Bonnie Geromini, Judy McKinley Brewer, Ted Zebert, Phil Grant

7:00 p.m. Bonnie Geromini opened the meeting with a discussion with TRC for Nat'l Grid. The discussion was a part of a Notice of Intent application for the new West Hampden substation located at 239 Allen Street, Hampden, MA. Originally there were 13 steel poles to be placed along the new roadway to carry the lines. The poles would carry 3 separate overhead feeder lines but there were concerns in the final engineering design. Concerns surfaced about the potential need to add a 4th feeder to respond to future growth. It was decided to construct a second pole line along the opposite side of the driveway making the total count of poles to 26. Two lines will be on one pole and the third line will be on the other poles leaving space for a future line. Andrea Agostino from TRC talked a little about the boring of the soil to find out what is needed for a foundation for each pole.

Photos were taken of the trees that require removal or trimming of limbs to ensure the reliability of the new feeders. They are proposing to remove only 5 living trees and one dead tree within the wetlands. The remaining trees that require removal or removal of limbs from them are in the buffer zone or uplands. Stumps will be left in place and the trees that are cut will be left in place in the wetlands to serve as additional wildlife habitat features. Abutters will be notified when crews will be on their property. When large machinery goes into the wetlands, swamp mats will be put down for the machinery to drive on. Trailers will move to the rear of the property and the land where they are will be restored and seed planted. The old sub station across Allen St will be taken down after project is completed. Judy McKinley Brewer made the motion to accept the pole plans for National Grid. Ted Zebert 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

8:00 p.m. Glen Trevillion, Commander of the VFW brought in his Request for Certificate of Compliance as the job has been completed at the VFW. We have no Certificate from the Registry of Deeds from them. Phil Grant will check with Mr. Trevillion to see if they filed it.

8:15 p.m. The Forest Cutting plans for Rumplicks on Mt. Road have been signed with stipulations. The Forestry man Douglas Hutchenson has made a site visit to the property.

8:20 p.m. A discussion about the tree logging on the Wentworth property on 222 Bennett Road now owned by Holman Realty Trust and prepared by Mel Harder. Bonnie Geromini had questions and will call Mr. Harder.

8:30 p.m. An RDA for the Highway Dept to repair a collapsed drain on Sessions Dr. was approved. . Since the work described meets the requirements for emergency municipal system maintenance the commission approved the RDA.

8:40 p.m. The October 9, 2013 Special meeting minutes were accepted with corrections. Bonnie Geromini accepted the minutes Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

8:45 p.m. The October 16, 2013 minutes were accepted with corrections. Judy McKinley Brewer moved to accept the minutes Phil Grant 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

8:50 Phil Grant made the motion to close the Nov 20, 2013 meeting, Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.