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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

**Present: Bonnie Geromini, Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grant, Ted Zebert,
Tim Hanley, Andrew Netherwood**

7:00 Bonnie Geromini read the minutes from the August 20, 2014 meeting. The minutes were accepted with some amendments. Phil Grant 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

7:15 Park & Rec Department discussed the Pavilion at Memorial Park. It was decided that the original place for the pavilion was not suitable so it will be moved to another spot at the park. The moving of the pavilion will have no adverse impact on the land. Judy McKinley Brewer moved to accept the request with a #2 Negative determination with the addition of a silt fence to be put up to protect the brook.

Park & Rec is also requesting to take down the playscape that is there now. The ground where the playscape is will be excavated and improved so that it will keep the water away from the spray park. It was decided by the Commission that Park & Rec needed a professional design depicting the new water drainage and a new application must be done. Set a date of October 15, 2014 our next meeting to review the request.

7:40 Debney, 278 Scantic Rd. – Violation notice. Mike Mocko explained that he had not cut any healthy trees along the brook. Mrs. Debney wants to put the horses out in that area for a week to graze the grass down and then put them into another paddock to re grow that grass. A temporary electric fence will be installed 25' from the brook around the paddock area. They agreed to plant a buffer of plants and trees and take out the multi flora rose and other invasive plants with a spot treating of the invasive plants to kill them. The Committee requested plans of what they are going to do along the brook/river and what vegetation they will be replacing. It was noted that no spraying should be done

within the turtle nesting time. Mr. Mocko will be sending the Committee a revised set of plans for the revision of the Restoration of Vegetation along Temple Brook .

8:30 Bonnie Geromini made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30. Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion, all were in favor.