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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 18, 2015**

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

7:00 Phillippe Cravo, architect for the new Police Station called and said that they are doing a large scale back of the project because of the lack of funds. Phil Grant suggested that the consultant to the project come in with new revised plans for the Police Station when they are done. We will schedule Phillippe Cravo for our April 18th meeting to discuss the changes. Phillippe wanted to know if the Order of Conditions can just be amended because of the scale back of the project.

Forestry information was received from Rocky Mountain for trees to be logged on Wilbraham Rd on an 18 acre parcel.

7:15 Hugh Scott lives at 160 Glendale Road and is interested in purchasing the property on Bennett Road owned by Jason Balut. There is an open Order of Conditions on file for the property. A temporary bridge and hay bales were put on the property in order to go over the stream to do a perk test. Mr. Scott wants to know what he has to do in order to clear the property for sale. He was told that the temporary bridge and hay bales must be removed and a Certificate of Compliance requested. For the future, Phil Grant suggested that the wetlands along that stream and, if the two properties are joined, the DEP may want them to access from some other point on the property if a house is going to go on the property. Mr. Balut, owner of the property now can send in a letter to the commission stating that he has removed the temporary bridge and hay bales. Upon satisfactory inspection by the Conservation Commission a Certificate of Compliance will be issued.

7:30 Recreation Dept. – Playscape plans were laid out in a handwritten manner to show the walkway/path into the Playscape. Excavation for a walkway and underground conduit needs to be run to the pavilion for

electricity. The trench will be approximately 75 to 100 feet long. Mr. Turcotte also talked about putting a gutter on the bath house so the water won't keep running off onto the cement in the front. With a new gutter on the roof the water will run down the spout and onto the grass. Bonnie Geromini suggested that the Commission go to the park and look at just what is going to be done. The Commission voted to go to the site on April 1, 2015 at 5:00. The scheduled date for dismantling the present Playscape is April 11th. The Commission again requested a formal map of what will actually be done in the park for the file and not just a penciled hand written one. The new plan will be attached to the original Playscape RFD.

- 7:50** Sherry Himmelstein has an owner of approximately 20 acres of land in Hampden that's on Minnechaug Mt. who wants to donate it to the town. The people who own it are elderly and live in Maryland. The entrance or right of way runs next to the solar project through James Kibbe's property, and ends near Bob Kibbe's property. Some access issues need to be clarified for the Commission to discuss this matter.
- 8:00** Mary (last name unknown) prospective buyer of 74 Meadowbrook Lane had some questions about the property before they purchased it. They would like to put in a garage on the side of the house in the future but were told that there was NHESP designation on the property. The Commission told her that there was non-jurisdictional space (outside resource areas and buffers) where it might be possible to place a garage, but that the main issue with the garage would have to be with NHESP. She should file an RFD with NHESP. They would have to file an RFD with the Commission when they decided where they want to build the garage.
- 8:30** Bonnie Geromini made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30. Phil Grant 2nd the motion. All were in favor.