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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 20, 2015**

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

7:00 Bonnie Geromini opened the meeting at 7:01.

The April minutes were read by Bonnie Geromini. Judy McKinley Brewer made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Ted Zebert 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

The Commission talked about the plans for the future Police Dept. We have received no new plans for the building of this project since the original presentation last Fall. Bonnie Geromini said she would call David McKinley and request clarification of an email she received from David, as it sounds as if some of the drainage systems may have changed. We will ask for a copy of the specific blueprint they are using.

7:15 Craig Stark from 337 Glendale Rd. came in about his free-standing solar project. His land is grandfathered on some issues, as his house was built in 1986, but we still need a specific wetland delineation. He needs to talk to the solar company he is dealing with, get a wetland delineation on the rear property and have it flagged. The hearing will be continued until the next meeting on June 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm so he can get the delineation completed and reviewed.

7:35 Will D'Angelo from Riverside Dr would like to put in steps behind his house. He has acquired some red stone steps from a renovation he did in Longmeadow and wants to put them on the bank behind his house. The commission walked over to his house to look at the project. He will be putting in ferns and other foliage on each side of the steps. He was informed that he needed to complete an RDA and how to go about doing that; the Committee suggested he include a plan for some vista pruning he mentioned.

- 8:15** Mr. Dorn came in and talked about the logging trucks going down Riverpark Dr. by his house and dumping logs, etc at the end lot that belongs to Russ Morton's daughter. Mr. Dorn apparently tried taking pictures but police had been notified that he was trespassing and Mr. Dorn was told by police that he must leave the property. He is quite frustrated because he had called a few days before the Commission meeting and no one had returned his calls. Mr. Dorn was told that we also had another person that called on the same matter and it was being followed up on. Mr. Dorn was told that the situation was being addressed and someone would go down and try to look at it and if necessary DEP would be notified. Bonnie Geromini will call Ben Stone, who was the other caller and continue the follow-up.
- 8:35** Tim Hanley made a brief presentation about the State Laws and the Hampden Laws not being the same. He has written up a sheet which identifies the differences between the two of them. In particular, he was most immediately concerned with Hampden requiring more extensive abutter notifications for RDA's. Bonnie reviewed some of the history and process for originally creating the town Wetlands By-Laws, including a Town Meeting vote, and noted that a very specific process (including public forums) for the Commission and Town to amend those rules was detailed in the original By-Laws. Judy proposed that Tim Hanley bring in a proposed revision of the Hampden RDA abutters notification regulation to be considered at the next meeting. Ted Zebert 2nd the motion. All were in favor.
- 9:05** Bonnie Geromini made the motion to close the meeting at 9:05. Phil Grant 2nd the motion.