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# TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS



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Philip Grant  
Ted Zebert  
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## HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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June 17, 2015

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

**7:05 Bonnie Geromini opened the meeting at 7:05.**

**7:05 A letter was received from Mr. John Shea of Erica Circle about the business at 12 Genevieve Dr. They are possibility thinking of down sizing to a smaller home in Hampden and have become concerned about the logging and firewood operation at 12 Genevieve Dr which is just around the corner from him. There are multiple cars, trucks, dumpsters and heavy equipment along with logs and firewood in piles spread out over hundreds of feet at that address. Vehicles and equipment are in and out of the property all day long. It is a deterrent to selling his home. Mr. Shea has checked the Zoning Bylaws and the criteria are not being met. He would like to sell his home for a reasonable market price but with the situation at 12 Genevieve Dr., he does not feel he can. A letter was sent out registered to Mr. Morton on June 1<sup>st</sup> about the situation on his property and he has not picked it up yet. Phil Grant suggested having the Building Dept. go to the Police and tell them that he is in violation of the zoning bylaws of Hampden. Douglas Hutcheson from the Forestry division will be notified about this.**

**7:15 Mr. D'Angelo from 10 Riverside Dr. was given permission to put steps in. The Committee voted to accept the RDA for Mr. D'Angelo to place the redstone steps going down to the Scantic River. Mr. D'Angelo will vista prune the lawn in his back yard and he will keep the ferns but remove the berry bushes. Hay bales will be put in where needed. Phil Grant made a motion to accept the RDA with negative 2A. Judy McKinley Brewer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.**

**7:30 Craig Stark, 337 Glendale Rd., Solar project. If there are any questions the number for the contractor are available to the Commission. Mr. Stark must let the back corner overgrow and re-vegetate. If construction cannot be done in two days silt barriers must be put in. A tarp can be put on dirt pile in back of solar. Phil Grant made a motion to accept the RDA with a negative 2A. Judy McKinley Brewer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.**

**7:45 Sherry Himmelstein talked about the land that was donated as conservation land. The other parcel is near Mt. Vision and owned by Mr. Bardy. It may be possible to buy this land from Mr. Bardy. Bonnie Geromini made a motion to support the project of the 2 parcels of land one to be donated the second piece of land will be purchased through the Minnechaug Land Trust.**

**8:20 David Atsales of 11 South Ridge Rd came in about turtles on his property and also about the logging at the end of the street. Bonnie Geromini looked into old records and it looks like the land originally was set aside for open space. Phil Grant suggested talking to the Town Attorney about the original request. The Commission decided to contact the forester Doug Hutcheson.**

**Bonnie Geromini made a motion to close the meeting at 8:57. Phil Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.**