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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 15, 2015

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

7:00 Phil Grant opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the May 20, 2015 were read by the commission. Judy McKinley Brewer made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Phil Grant 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

The minutes of the June 17, 2015 were read by the commission. Andrew Netherwood moved to accept the minutes with changes. Tim Hanley 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

7:15 Amanda Biron is purchasing property at 357 Glendale Rd. She had questions about the property, possibly wanting to build a gazebo in the future but there is a stream running through the property. She also said there are trails that lead into Laughing Brook and she was questioning if they could cut down fallen trees and take debris from the trails. The commission described circumstances under which she could clear fallen trees. They told her that she should submit an RDA when they are ready to build on their property, and suggested that they group all the projects being considered in the next several years into one submission.

7:30 The minutes of the Special Meeting-Site Visit on June 23, 2015 at Riverside Drive for the new waterlines, septic and well head were read by the commission. Phil Grant made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Tim Hanley 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

The minutes of the July 1, 2015's Special Meeting-Site Visit at 5:30 at 40 Echo Valley were discussed and Andrew Netherwood made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Tim Hanley 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

There were questions from Mr. Kosakowski about the lot 51 on South Rd. and Mr. Morton wanting to use the driveway for lot 51 as a common driveway to lots 52, 53, 54. Mr. Kosakowski had received a copy of a recent letter with conditions sent to Mr. Morton by NHESP regarding further building in lots 52, 53, 54. Phil Grant will go up to the parcel and check out just what has been done to the site. Judy McKinley Brewer will send email to Heather Comee at Wetland Consultants, Inc.

- 8:00 Tim Hanley made a proposal to change the Wetlands Protection Bylaws for the Town Of Hampden, Section 6: Public Notice and Hearings. The proposal would be to revise the paragraphs in filing a Notice of Intent to provide notification to all Abutters within 100 feet of the project location instead of the original Abutters notification of 300 feet, and to eliminate abutter notifications for RDA's. A further discussion, and possibly future scheduling of a public forum, on the bylaw will be included as agenda items for the August 19, 2015 meeting.
- 8:15 Mr. Carabetta came to discuss "what he needed to do" to be permitted to stabilize his new driveway to reduce dust, due to neighbor complaints. We reminded him that his NOI (approx Fall, 2013) had been withdrawn, per notification we had received at the time from DEP. He clarified that he wasn't referring to the NOI, that included three house lots, but wanted to "go back to the old one" that was just for the driveway clearing. The "old one" was an RDA (approx 2012) was submitted prior to his gravel removal operation, and had been superseded by DEP. They had notified us in 2013 that he did not appear to have papers on file with them, and would need to resubmit an NOI to do any work.
- Mr. Carabetta was advised that he needed to submit a new NOI, as it had already determined that some of the driveway was in riverfront area. Mr. Carabetta said he understood and would submit the proper paperwork.
- 8:30 Phil Grant made a motion to close the July 15, 2015 meeting. Andrew Netherwood 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

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