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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 20, 2016

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

- 7:00 Bonnie Geromini opened the April 20, 2016 meeting at 7:00. The March 16, 2016 meeting minutes were read and accepted with minor changes. Tim Hanley accepted the minutes and Ted Zebert 2nd the motion. All were in favor.
- 7:15 The Commission had a discussion about Howlett Hill Logging. Mr. Markham still has logging rights for the property. Mr. Markham wants to take down the 2 bridges when the logging is completed and Mr. Sweitzer wants to leave them up. Mr. Sweitzer asked that the bridges be left in for possible access for fire trucks and etc. Commission told Mr. Sweitzer to talk to his forester and make sure that the bridges are written into the plan for the next ten years.
- 7:30 The Commission discussed the issuing of building permits for two properties by the Building Dept. The first property is on 192 Glendale Rd for a stand up Solar System and the second is for a Garage on Stafford Rd. that is on NHESP designated property. The Building Inspector will be notified as to the proper procedure for issuing the permits.
- 7:45 Andrew Davighon is doing an Eagle Scout project at Laughing Brook. The project is cutting down evasive plants near the gate to the parking lot. He will be cutting down the tops of the plants and personnel from Laughing Brook will take Roundup and painting it on the stems of the plants so that the plants will eventually die. Andrew will not be handling the Roundup. He will be filing an RDA so we will have this on file referencing that this project will be for his Eagle Scout status. Judy McKinley Brewer made a motion that the abutters shall be notified. The project is within 300 ft. The Conservation Commission decided to pay for the newspaper ad in the Reminder for him when he returns the RDA filled out. The commission accepted the motion to pay for posting the RDA in the Reminder Ted 2nd the motion.

- 8:00 Commercial Drive extension: Extension for the lot on Commercial drive owned by Mr. Burak. He is asking for a 3 year extension until 2019. The land has not been cleared at all and there is a For Sale sign buried in the brush. Bonnie is going to talk to Mark Simpson about this matter. There would not be enough votes for a quorum to vote on this. Phil said to check with Mark on this as there were originally 20 conditions made on the property and none of the conditions have been done.
- 8:10 The commission made a vote to have Judy McKinley Brewer take the place of Phil Grant on the CPA group. Phil Grant 1st and Ted Zebert 2nd the motion. All were in favor.
- 8:17 Phil Grant made a motion to close the April 20, meeting. All were in favor. Meeting closed at 8:17.