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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 18, 2016

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

7:00 Bonnie Geromini opened up the meeting. The first thing on the agenda is the property on 131 Somers Rd. They are dropping all wood chips and other material near the brook. There was a perennial stream there which is no longer there. They have put in four additional buildings in since they bought it. There are several different issues about this property. Some of the buildings are right on top of the wetlands and no one ever consulted the commission. One of the buildings is where water was and where Mrs. Mancuso wants to put another business. All his equipment is being parked there where the brook used to be. From Ross's property you can see where the wood is being put on the Ross property behind one of the buildings. The Planning Board members said that they will look into the situation. Bonnie requested that Ms. Ross bring down the pictures with the dates and location of each picture. A site visit will be scheduled to look at the property.

7:30 Mr. Barroso purchased property on Ames Rd formally the Westbrook Estates. Mr. Barroso did a Pre-Construction notice for the two lots. Mr. Barroso was told to get another copy of the blueprints with the new changes. The Commission issued an OOC that was recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds on Oct. 2009. Construction at the project will proceed in accordance with the existing OOC. The original footprint of the land will be used. The Commission Okayed adding notes on the original set of blueprints and taking out things. Possibly adding a yard on the side of the house as there is none in the back of it. Construction can begin using the original blueprints. Some of the conditions should be taken off as they were for the two houses and now there is only one. Scratch out some things and add some things to the blueprint. This will give us a secure map. The silt fence will be put in

with his small machine. The trees will be taken out where the house will be built. No grades will be changed from the original plans. He questioned about using the fill from the lot to use elsewhere. Strike from the original OOC the using of small machine. Phil made the motion to accept the motion of changes July 2nd the motion. The commission will take a look at the silk fence on June 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

- 8:00 131 Scantic Rd., Becky Ross, Diane and Charlie Samble.
A letter was received from the Ross family about the possibility of an additional business at the Mancuso property next to them. There are buildings on the property that are on wetlands. The driveway goes with #133 with the right of way to #131. Mrs. Mancuso wants to put in another business on the property and there is also a wood business. The driveway is taking a lot of abuse with cars and trucks going through on it. The brook is no longer there from them filling it in. They have a permit for storing wood but now are putting in chips. He has built four different buildings there and is right on the wetlands. One of the buildings that were put in last year is the one that Mrs. Mancuso wants to put a business in. The house floods each year. The driveway issue was brought up and what would be the liability if there was an accident that would be responsible since it is only a right of way. The planning board member Mr. Leikos is a friend of Mancuso and should not be able to have anything to do with this action. Phil Grant said that maybe DEP would be notified to help out with this problem. Phil suggested that we take a look at the property after Bonnie talks to the Building Inspector.
- 8:30 Peter Vancini from Laughing Brook came in to file an RDA for work to be done on the taking out of invasive plants in different sections in the future. They want to work near the Smiling Pool and the Burgess House. The time frame will be volunteers and the Boy Scouts will also help. Mr. Vancini said he would get the RDA back to us within the next two weeks. We will schedule him in for our July 15, 2016 meeting.
- 8:50 The solar was discussed on Stony Hill Rd. that Mr. Andwood is putting in. Mr. Andwood promised that he would keep the pond but trucks have been parked on it and it is no longer there.

- 8:55 Commercial Drive wants another 3 yr. extension to the OOC. . Bonnie talked to Mark Stinson and is declared a very poor lot to build on. Two OOC have been ordered and Mark said that if nothing has been changed we do not have to do anything with it and do not have to issue another extension. A site inspection will be done on June 27, at 4 o'clock.
- 9:00 Judy talked about the barrier fabric on the bank at Memorial Park. I talked to Cindi in the Rec. Dept. about the situation and she said that she will contact Excavation Plus as they are the ones that put the fabric down. Judy said that she would send a formal letter to Dave Turcotte about the situation.
- 9:10 9 South Rd. is cutting up trees and fire wood on the property. There are two or three piles of brush on the property.
- 9:15 Lot 24-18 Glendale - Bedrock Financial is putting the asphalt driveway in.
- 9:20 The May 20, 2016 minutes were read with changes. Phil Grant accepted the minutes and Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion.
- 9:25 Bonnie Geromini closed the meeting at 9:25 Judy Mckinley Brewer 2nd the motion.