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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

September 20, 2017

Attendance: Chairman, Bonnie Geromini, and Conservation Board Members Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grant, Ted Zebert, Andrew Netherwood and Branden Garvey were in attendance.

Not in attendance: Board member Tim Hanley was not in attendance.

Bonnie Geromini made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00p.m. Phil Grant seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Acceptance of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting on July 19, 2017 were accepted as amended.

New Business:

- David & Cheryl Gallant (Hollow Rd.) – Request for Determination of Applicability on the proposed construction of a single family home in the rear of their property on Hollow Rd.

David Gallant and his brother-in-law, Thomas Leduc, appeared before the board on this matter. Mr. Leduc is planning to purchase the portion of Mr. and Mrs. Gallant's property by Hollow Rd. and build a single family dwelling. The commission completed a site visit on 9/8/2017 @ 3:30pm. Bonnie suggested that if they build beyond where the corner of the stone wall comes out they should be well within the buffer zone. Phil stated that the proposed location of the new home, as described by the applicant, should be good to go. Mr. Leduc informed the Commission that he can bring in a copy of the plot plan once he has the area surveyed.

Bonnie made a motion to issue a negative determination, stating that the area described in request is not an area subject to the Wetland Protection Act or in the buffer zone. Phil seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- David & Cheryl Gallant (Lot #4 Glendale Rd.) – Request for an amendment to the Order of Conditions issued by the Commission.

David Gallant appeared before the board on this matter. Mr. Gallant asked the board for an amendment to allow the installation of an additional wooden utility pole to service the new home being constructed on the lot. The Commission reviewed the information received from the electric company stating that an additional pole was needed midway from the current pole to the location of house to prevent the line from sagging. Mr. Gallant explained that the additional pole will be placed halfway between the pole next to his neighbor's house (Zeroogian) and the other pole that has been installed near his new house. Andrew explained that adding the additional pole will strengthen it up quite a bit and prevent the poles from breaking. Mr. Gallant informed the board that adding another pole seems to be better than going underground. Trees would need to be removed in order to have the lines underground. Andrew stated that it is required to have 10 feet on each side of the line. The board briefly discussed the request and said that it wouldn't be a problem as it would not be destroying or impacting a resource area. Judy informed Mr. Gallant that they would not want a pile of dirt left there in case of a storm.

Judy made a motion to approve the installation of an additional wooden utility pole, attaching this as an amendment to the Order of Conditions previously issued for Lot #4 Glendale Rd. Phil seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- Ryan Morton (Lot 8 Parcel 2-A South Rd.) – ANRAD

Ryan Morton appeared before the board on this matter. Bonnie stated that the Commission had not been able to confirm the actual delineation due to finding violations at their first site visit several months ago. Phil reviewed the issues being the road and the culvert that had been put in a resource area. Phil stated that he has been going back to the site to check on the status and now feels that Mr. Morton has completed the remediation of these issues.

Judy informed Mr. Morton that now that the violation issues have been addressed, they will be able to restart the process of issuing a determination on the ANRAD. The next step would be to have the property flagged and schedule a site visit for the Commission to review the delineation boundaries. After brief discussion, the board informed Mr. Morton that they could complete a site visit on his property on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 @ 4:00pm. Phil stated that the Commission members would come out to look over the remediation work that was done and look at the flagging to see if they agree with the boundaries. Judy asked Mr. Morton to bring his maps with him to the site visit.

Phil made a motion to continue the ANRAD to the next Conservation meeting on October 18, 2017. Andrew seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted in favor of continuing the ANRAD to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly McCormick
Conservation Clerk