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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 20, 2017

Attendance: Chairman, Bonnie Geromini, and Conservation Board Members Judy McKinley Brewer, Phil Grant, Ted Zebert, Andrew Netherwood, Tim Hanley and Branden Garvey were 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 November 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. Andrew stated that there should be a few paragraphs included regarding the discussion of Parcel 3-19-14 on South Ridge Rd. After brief discussion, the Commission agreed and asked Kelly to include that in the minutes. Bonnie made a motion not to vote on the minutes tonight and wait until the January meeting for acceptance. Andrew seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

New Business:

- PD Developments, LLC (46 Mountainview Rd.) – Request for Determination of Applicability for the proposed upgrade of a failing septic system.

Mark Pafumi from PD Developments, LLC appeared before the Board. A site visit was completed by the Commission on 11/27/2017 @ 3:15pm. Judy reviewed the plans submitted by the engineer, stating that all of the septic system is currently located in wetland resource area. The proposed work involves moving the worst part of the septic system to the front of the house to move it further away from the stream. Judy stated that she believes this is a positive move. The well, which is currently in the front of the property, would be located to the back where the septic is currently located.

Phil stated that in his opinion the septic will continue failing if it stays where it currently is, even if a brand new one is put in the same spot.

Ted informed Mr. Pafumi that they should put up a couple of silt fences as well as wattles or hay bales on the right side of the driveway. He explained that these precautions should be taken to prevent mud from flowing into the stream. Judy stated that in addition a silt barrier will be required on the northwest corner of the house and around the well as detailed in the plan.

Bonnie made a motion to issue a negative determination, stating that the work described is in an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Phil seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

2017 Open Space & Recreation Land Update – Judy provided a brief update on the status of the OSRP update. She informed the Commission that the plan has officially been filed and they should hear back in approximately 6 weeks. Judy acknowledged everyone that helped with the process, especially Ted for all of the time spent on attending meetings, posting notices, collecting surveys, etc. The Commission thanked Judy for all of the time and hard work she put into the update which will allow the town to be eligible for state grants.

Town Newsletter – The board briefly discussed the new town newsletter and articles that the Commission could pass on to Nancy Zebert, who has been selected as the editor by the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly McCormick
Conservation Clerk