

## MINUTES

Members present: Richard Gouvan, Mike Gerrard, Bonnie Geromini, Kim Desmarais, Phil Grant, and Associate Member Joe Savoie.

Guests: Separate attendance list.

7:15pm Meeting called to order in the Auditorium for the continuation of the proposed Scantic Meadows Sub-division by Mr. Ed Speight.

Mr. Austin McKeon expressed concern regarding the currently proposed storm-water leaching system and the liability the town could face if/when it needed repairing or replacement. Austin urged us to reject the proposed system.

Mr. Bill Doyle echoed Austin's concerns regarding the storm-water system and asked whether or not this type of system had been used in Western MA. Chair (Mike Gerrard) asked Mr. Peter Levesque of Pioneer Environmental Mr. Doyle's question, Pete first deferred the issue the stated that many of these types of system had indeed been installed in Western MA.

Mr. Harvey Smith asked who would be responsible for the on-going maintenance of the storm-water system. Chair. (Gerrard) responded that after a developer turns over a road to the town, the town is then responsible for all repairs, maintenance and liabilities. Mr. Smith responded that this didn't seem like an equitable for the town due to the storm-water system proposed currently.

Ms. Connie Witt stated that a project in Wilbraham on Bridal Path Lane (as mentioned by Pete Levesque) was not the same identical type of system as proposed here.

Mr. Ed Speight stated that the additional tax revenue generated by the homes hi will build (in the \$300K) price range will pay for the required maintenance.

Mr. Harvey Smith stated that maybe there could be a financial assessment to the development's homeowners to cover the costs of maintenance and repairs to the storm-water system. Ms. Pat Cote echoed Mr. Smith's comments and suggested some type of covenants to the homeowners.

Mr. Carl Sternberg stated that there are impact studies that are mandated by the state in instances whereas farmland is developed in homes.

Motion by Bonnie Geromini to send the Board of Selectmen a letter expressing concern over their failure to reappoint Sheila Thompson to another term as hers expired in June 2004. Also the failure of the Selectmen to appoint Joe Savoie who is currently an Associate Member to full time position as voted upon by the Conservation Commission

and requested to the Selectmen on June 12, 2004. Also expressed concern regarding the appointment of Phil Grant to the Conservation Commission as a full time member by the Board of Selectmen with no advance notice or discussion with the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Dick Gouvan, all in favor with the exception of Phil Grant.

The letter was then read aloud in the meeting by Chairman Mike Gerrard and signed by the members of the Conservation Commission. Several members of the audience expressed concern regarding the Selectmen's above decision and the fact that Phil Grant had no prior experience and also had an active enforcement order against him by the Conservation Commission. Phil responded by stating that he was there to work and will be here for the next three years. He also stated that he was there to protect the property rights of people who felt like him.

Chairman (Gerrard) then asked that since he (Grant) was a member of the Conservation Commission now, would he grant the board access to his property to view and inspect the violations. Phil's response was he would absolutely not allow the board access to his property to inspect it.

Motion by Kim Desmarais to continue the meeting until August 9, 2004. Seconded by Dick Gouvan, All in favor, meeting adjured at 8:30