

Hampden Conservation Commission  
**May 10, 2004**  
**Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Members present: Richard Gouvan, Mike Gerrard, Bonnie Geromini, Sheila Thompson

Members absent: Kim Desmarais Assoc. Member Absent: Joe Savoie

Also present: Elizabeth Cronin, Mike Cronin, Harvey Smith, Michael Doyle, Pat Cote, Tom Sohre, Matthew Gawron, Theresa Gawron, Gary Weiner, Karen Jackson, Russ Morton, Peter Levesque, Russ Cable, Norm Turnberg, Craig & Deb Makuch, P. Hatch

7:05pm Meeting called to order. Minutes of April 12 regular meeting read. Minutes accepted as presented. B.Germomini motion to accept. Second-M. Gerrard Motion carried – unanimous  
April 28 minutes (Scantic Meadow hearing) Dick Gouvan motion to accept with 4 amendments and 2 name corrections. B. Geromini second – unanimous vote.

7:20 pm Board of Selectmen present: Mark Barba, Duane Mosier, Jim Smith. Discussion centered on issue of BOS v ConCom regarding “Scantic Meadows”  
M. Barba referred to Atty Martel letter of May 4, 2004 re: Chief Procurement Officer. M. Gerrard stated letter did not in fact reflect conversation that he had with Attorney Martel. Also addressed difficulty of posting minutes and Concom was offered use of BOS server for that purpose. Again issue of 30B became focus of discussion “sound business practice” P.Cote questioned “what exactly were sound business practices” Mr. Harvey addressed “need for outside consultant to review this plan.”Mr. Doyle suggested that Board/ Commission friction be put aside and proceed with consultant.” S. Thompson questioned why Chief procurement officer not involved with commission use of Tighe & Bond to review R. Morton case? D. Mosier replied that Tighe & Bond were “preferred vendors”. Board of Selectmen were asked how Atty. Fratar came into possession of letter from Atty Martel to ConCom which noted CC to D. Mosier. Claimed it had been requested under Freedom of Information Act, although Atty Fratar claimed not to have requested it. T. Sohre spoke to BOS “to do what is best for the town.” Abutters expressed additional concern regarding maintenance. Mr. Harvey “protect our property” Mr. Doyle referred to “Town obligations-maintenance issues”J.Smith “no authority to promise maintenance”. B. Cronin commented on “need to meet with all parties to discuss issues of concern. P. Cote observed that what is happening is a “foolish way to proceed.” Concerns voiced as to “what will happen next?”

8:15pm Russell Morton – Attorney Jackson reported conditions have been satisfied, upon verification by site visit (scheduled for Thurs. May 13 at 6:30pm), letter

will be sent, bond released. Fine resolution: Atty Jackson suggested fine reduction to \$300 from \$6,000. This suggestion based on when Mr. Morton had retained legal counsel. Motion was made to reduce fine from \$6,000 to \$600. Payment of \$600 due 10 business days after release of bond.

8:37 pm. Makuch – Evergreen – submitted more detailed plan of cutting which was found to be acceptable – 25' x 25' deck included on plan – will not be larger, most likely smaller . B.Geromini motion to accept plan as submitted, D.Gouvan second unanimous vote to accept. B. Geromini move to close hearing, D.Gouvan second; all in favor.

8:42 pm Giannetti/Gary Weiner. Stabilization within 30 days(June 10) to include removal of sediment, replace plantings which had drowned, acknowledge grass needs to take. grading will take place wk of 5/16, then seeding. Site inspection on Tues, June 8, at 6:30.

8:52 pm Loiko/Regan Mike to review plan with site visit scheduled for June 8 at 6:00pm.

8:56pm Mancuso – Somers Rd. History Fire, police report, visit by M. Gerrard, call to Mr. Mancuso, discussion of work needed regarding clean up. Clean-up has been taking place in timely fashion. Noted need to stabilize stream bed. Mr. Mancuso to submit “wish list” of things he would like to do, for approval. This includes back of garage, removal of fallen log, etc.

9:35 pm B. Geromini moved to adjourn meeting. D. Gouvan second. All voted yes.