

Approved 7/23/08

**HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2008
Town House**

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Members Present – Charlie Dolben, Chair, John Matthews and Robert Howarth. Neil Flynn arrived at 7:03pm.

Members absent – Joseph Kruzel and Judy Jackson, Associate.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 25, 2008 regular meeting were read. Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Howarth seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Bills – The clerk's payroll voucher and the JW Sewall invoice were approved and signed.

Hampden Country Club – Mr. Bill Tragakis and Mr. Nick Cardinale brought a letter to the Planning Board to give an update on the Hampden Country Club's plan to close the tunnel cart paths and reroute the carts over Wilbraham Road. Also, the neighbors at 125 Wilbraham Road had concerns that they were not notified of the new temporary cart path which they felt was too close to their home and the construction equipment was too loud. Mr. Tragakis and Mr. Cardinale met with the neighbors to hear their concerns and explained that the cart path near their home would be temporary. Mr. Tragakis stated that they did come to an understanding and the neighbors approved of the placement of the temporary path, provided that it is eventually rerouted to the intended location. Circulation will be over the road as opposed to under it. Eventually, the tunnels will be filled in and the golf carts will cross Wilbraham Road in two places above the existing tunnels. Mr. Dolben noted that there is no site plan change. Mr. Howarth asked what was meant by "temporary". Mr. Tragakis stated that their goal is to work over the winter and have the new cart paths in place by the start of the season in 2009. Mr. Cardinale will come up with a hand drawn plan for the Planning Board files. Mr. Tragakis will revise the letter with a timeframe added in. The letter will go to the neighbors and the Planning Board. Mr. Dolben noted that it was not necessary for Mr. Cardinale and Mr. Tragakis to attend the next meeting, the letter and plan could be mailed in or dropped off to the Planning Board. The Hampden Country Club will send a memo to the Planning Board with their future improvement plans so that the Board can look it over and let them know if anything would require special attention according to the by-laws such as a site plan review or submission

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of plans. Mr. Tragakis stated that the Hampden Country Club wants a good relationship with the Town and with their neighbors. Mr. Tragakis and Mr. Cardinale thanked the Board for their time and the Board thanked them for coming in to the meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business - Mrs. Linda Kravitz spoke with Mr. Dolben. She is investigating the sound limits for a residential district.

Other Items – Reviewed without further discussion.

Mail – A letter was received from Chief Farnsworth regarding a request for a driveway permit for 150 Rock-A-Dundee Road. A copy will be forwarded to the Building Inspector.

Mr. Matthews made a motion to adjourn at 7:33pm. Mr. Howarth seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk