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MINUTES OF THE HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Town House

Approved 9/26/12

Attending Members: Cornelius Flynn, Chairman
John Matthews
Charlie Dolben
Judge Robert Howarth
James Quackenbush

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Chairman Cornelius Flynn.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Dolben made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. Judge Howarth seconded. All in favor so approved.

Hampden Country Club – Guy Antonacci sat before the Board at their request to discuss various issues pertaining to Hampden Country Club. Mr. Antonacci notified the Board of their plans to rectify the issues pertaining to Raymond Drive. He indicated that the berm has been seeded and is sprouting which will cut down on dust, and they are trying to complete work on that side of the course. The tee-box has been redone and is completed, and they are hydro seeding the rest of the berm. Mr. Antonacci indicated they are redoing every green on the golf course. They are trying to keep trucks out of the area and appease the neighbors. The berm is about 10' to 12' high which will keep golf balls out of the neighbors' yards and also keep the golfers from being distracted by the neighbors, and the neighbors from seeing the course. Mr. Antonacci indicated they will plant Indian Grass which grows about 3'-4' tall and wild flowers which are included in the hydro mix on the berm. The Hampden Country Club will mow the grass on the country club side of the berm. The grass and wild flowers will be on the resident's side of the berm and enough space was left for a mower to cut on their side. The berm ends on the 8th hole. Mr. Matthews requested that they alert the Planning Board if they add any berms in the "buffer" area.

The Planning Board indicated that they understand what Hampden Country Club is doing for the community by improving the golf course, however, communication is the issue. The Board has requested that HCC send out a letter to the residents notifying them of their plans which will eliminate many problems. Mr. Antonacci alerted the Board that he planned to send the letter, but wanted to meet with the Board first before it was sent out.

Mr. Antonacci indicated that Hampden Country Club will be opening in the Spring of 2014. The Board requested that HCC provide a timeline with activities that need to be completed and notify the Board of any changes to this timeline so they are aware of what is occurring.

Mr. Antonacci indicated that the old trees by 125 Wilbraham Road will be cut down and replaced with new trees. The Board has indicated that a letter should be sent to the resident notifying them of this work. Mr. Matthews has also requested HCC apply for Ridgeline/Hillside Review.

To summarize the Planning Board's request of Hampden Country Club:

- 1) Communicate with the neighbors. Send letter indicating planned work.
- 2) Come to the Planning Board first before any work is done in the buffer
- 3) Provide timeline with activities that need to be done.

Adjournment – Having no further business, Mr. Matthews made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Judge Howarth seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor so adjourned. The Planning Board's next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 26, 2012.

Submitted by: Joanne Fiore, Clerk