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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022

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Meeting called to order: 01/19/2022 @ 6:00 pm

Members Present: Judy McKinley -Brewer Chair, Ted Zebert Co-Chair, Andrew Netherwood, Thom Page

Members Absent: John Cushman, Greg D'Agostino

Public Comment: None prior to start of meeting

Agenda Items:

Steven Tyler: Mr. Tyler participated via zoom. We had a brief discussion regarding the proposed new crosswalk connecting Centennial Commons to the Village Mart. There would be a short segment of sidewalks with handicap ramps connecting to the upgraded crossing. The commission decided that a Request for Determination would be required when the project decides to move forward. Mr. Tyler is employed by Howard Stein Hudson Engineers and Planners.

Robert Kirsch Lot 2B Mountain Road: There is silt on and beyond the turtle barrier on Mr. Kirsch's property. Gary Weiner, the project engineer conducted several site inspections to review the erosion occurring to the rear and southerly of Kirsch's house. Mr. Weiner concluded that the erosion is impacting the endangered species area. His recommendation is that the swale should be extended an additional 100 feet and deepened by two feet. Also, the swale should be turned to run parallel to the stone wall and be a level spreader for about seventy-five feet. The transition to the level spreader should be armored using large stones for a distance of ten feet entering and ten feet exiting the bend. Mr. Weiner also felt removing the sediment near the erosion control barriers could cause further erosion. The barrier needs to be immediately re-established and sediment removed from only the upstream side. The swale work and vegetation establishment should happen in the spring. Gary created an Erosion Mitigation Plan for Lot 2B. Ted made a motion to accept the plan. Andrew second. All members in favor.

Howlett Hill: Judy mentioned that she and Doug (the previous State Forrester) spoke at length regarding the logging ang road impact on Howlett Hill Rd. Andrew felt Judy should write a letter to the Sweitzer's regarding improvements to the road by restoring the berms that were destroyed by the logging company and/or installing silt fence. Judy will contact Mr. Sweitzer