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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes February 17, 2021 Town House

Approved: April 21, 2021

Meeting called to order: 02/17/2021 @ 7:00pm

Members Present: Judy McKinley-Brewer Chair, Ted Zebert, Andrew Netherwood, Thom Page and Cindi Connors
Members Absent: John Cushman
Invited Guests: Mickey Marcus, Christine McDonough, Steve McDonough, Rob Bukowski, Clark Kadis, Maryann Isham, Mark Wilcutt, Cindy Shults, Thad Clavette, Greg D'Agostino, Randall Rivest
Also Present: Bonnie Geromini

Public Comment: None prior to start of meeting

Agenda Items:

7:00pm Driveway Permit, Borrego Solar, Potash Hill Lane/Rear Somers Road:

There is a Superseding order of Conditions with Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP) supervision. Judy wants Dave Foulis to review and asked that this be scanned and sent to him and the building department notified

Public Hearing for Kadis and Isham, 170 Wilbraham Road: A Request for Determination of Applicability, (RDA) has been received from the landowners of 170 Wilbraham Road to use the property for agricultural purposes. They would like to have small fruit farm, vegetable garden, livestock, a patio and a pergola. Resource area from Wachaug Brook covers most of the property. They will need to file for a limited project, agriculture. This will reduce the Riverfront Resource Area to 100ft for all installations related to the agriculture activity and the permit would be good for three years. They can plant native trees, and plants indigenous back to the Colonial Area, (website to check <http://www.bonap.org/> for the North American plant Atlas). A delineation will need to be completed to submit with the Notice of Intent, (NOI) filing. The proponents were advised by Judy to include the utility line in final drawings to be submitted. Mr. Kadis informed the commission that livestock will be added at a later date and Judy advised that they can submit a second NOI at that time. A positive determination will be issued, B1, the area is subject to protection, B2b, not confirming the resource areas, B3 the work will alter the area and C the requirement to file an NOI. *Andrew made a motion to accept the determination, Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0.* Public hearing closed.

7:30 pm Public Hearing for Ameresco; Solar on Landfill 18 Cross Road: This portion of the meeting was held via Zoom. *Judy made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:49pm, Andrew seconded, all in favor 4-0*

7:50pm Borrego Solar, Potash Hill Lane/Rear Somers Road 173-0194:

This portion of the meeting was held via Zoom.

This is a request for a closure to the Certificate of Compliance for the previous gravel project dated 08/2011 for a road, bridge and the construction of two homes. Some of the Orders of Condition were partially met, some completed. These have expired and need to be subsumed. There is now a new project, DEP number 173-0220 dated 09/02/2020 for the Potash Hill Lane/Rear Somers Road solar project. A new OOC was issued for this project with approximately 55 conditions. *Andrew made a motion to approve and close the public hearing at 8pm, Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0.*

This Zoom portion of the meeting was closed at 8pm.

Conway, parcel 4, South Road:

There has been a minor alteration submitted to these plans, replacing gabion baskets with large stones. Heather Comee has approved the exchange and DEP prefers the large stones. *Andrew made a motion to accept the minor alteration exchanging the initial gabion baskets for boulders to bolster the bridge, Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0*

The landowner also wants to run the power underground to the right of the driveway on the dry part of the bridge. Specifications will be needed. The commission feels this is not a minor alteration and need a diagram and detailed sketch. Question if whether a splice box and a stopper for downhill flow will be needed. Response will be composed

General Discussion:

Gregory D'Agostino and Randall Rivest attended the meeting to express interest in joining the Commission.

Greg grew up in town and works making flood maps.

Randy has a degree in biology and currently works in process engineering

The Commission suggested that they attend a few meetings, read through the regulations and Judy offered that there is an eight part training available through MACC

Next meeting scheduled for March 17, 2021.

Judy made a motion to close the meeting at approximately 8:45pm, Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0

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