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# TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS



**Conservation Commission**  
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Ted Zebert  
Andrew Netherwood  
John Cushman  
Tim Hanley Assoc. Member

## HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes February 19, 2020 Town House

Approved: 09/16/2020

Meeting called to order: 02/19/2020 @ 7:00pm

Members Present: Bonnie Geromini, Chair, Ted Zebert, Judy McKinley-Brewer and Andrew Netherwood

Members Absent: Tim Hanley and John Cushman

Invited Guests:

Also Present: Thom Page, Melissa & Charles Balicki, Cindi Connors

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **7:00pm ANRAD & Contract, (continued from January 15, 2020):**

Bonnie then explained to abutters Melissa and Charles Balicki what the consultant contract was for, (peer review) and that the proponent/land owner would pay for the review, but that the consultant actually worked for the Conservation Commission. Charles has concerns about the impact of the project

The contract with Stockman & Associates was reviewed and signed.

*Judy moved to have Bonnie sign the contract for the peer review. Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0.*

Thom will send copies to both Emily Stockman and Ryan Levesque.

*Ted made a motion to continue the ANRAD for Bennett Road to March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm. Andrew seconded, all in favor 4-0*

**7:15pm Minutes:** The minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed, amended and accepted via a *motion by Judy and seconded by Andrew. All Commissioners in favor, 4-0*

**Town Report:** Information for report reviewed

### **General Discussion:**

-Discussion on records and minutes storage and correspondence coming into the office,

-Andrew would like a request to the Building Inspector for notification of storm water request for Rear Somers Road/Borrego/Solar Development project/Potash Hill Lane.

-Thom notified the Commission of the following:

- Krista Bouchard has sent in the Request for Determination of Applicability, (RDA), for the new well at 505 Main Street. A determination will be sent to the proponent. They are exempt because it was a repair on a well. A nine inch waddle was installed as a barrier to protect West Brook and all work done as far as possible from West Brook.

-ATC Group Services, 500 Main Street has now supplied new mapping

-The residents at 10 Andrew Circle would like to put an addition on. There are wetlands on the property and they have gotten a building permit. Judy responded to the email stating that the homeowner needs to have someone come in and do an actual, simple wetlands delineation and place flags for the wetlands, and draw a simple map. The homeowner then needs to **decide if he is going to build completely outside those flags plus a 25 ft no-disturb zone**. If so, he can submit an RDA, **with the delineation, and work limits for his project**, and have the Commission verify the delineations. He will need to hire an environmental specialist to do the delineations

-Thom informed the Commission he was now coming in on a daily basis and that he would be out on vacation from February 29<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>.

-Emails and reports for the ponds at Great Horse.

-Forest Cutting on Howlett Hill. Doug Hutcheson questioned why the Commission wants to view; it is because a cutting plan has not been received in the office. The project hasn't started yet. When Doug notifies the Commission that it is starting, there will be a request for Scott Gerrish for a site walk.

-Andrew informed the Commission that there will be a Storm Water Committee meeting tomorrow evening, (February 20<sup>th</sup>) and a review of department documents. The town storm water bylaw, development and updated new laws. The building inspector will collect the fees and issue the permits.

-Vegetation management information has been received from Eversource

*Bonnie made a motion to close the meeting at approximately 8:32pm, Ted seconded the motion which was then approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0*

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