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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes January 16, 2019 Town House

Approved: March 6, 2019

Meeting called to order: at 7:00pm

Members Present: Bonnie Geromini, Chair, Phil Grant, Judy McKinley-Brewer, Ted Zebert, Andrew Netherwood & Tim Hanley

Members Absent: None

Invited Guests: None

Also Present: Austin McKeon

Bills/Correspondence: No bills or correspondence

Agenda Items:

7:00pm December 19, 2018 Minutes *Judy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Phil seconded, all in favor 6-0*

7:15pm PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Amendment to Conservation Commission Regulations Bonnie motioned to open the first public hearing on the Town of Hampden Conservation Commission Regulation number AN-01: Notification Requirements for a Request for Determination of Applicability, (RDA). The Commission would like to reduce the current 300ft notification of abutters to 100ft [pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131, section 40m, which is the current state standard. Discussion concluded and Public Hearing will now be continued to February 20th.

7:30pm Review and sign amendment to Grist Mill Lane RDA

7:35pm Review of RDA submission to schedule site walk for Saturday, January 19th at 8:30am. Commission requests that proposed building be staked for their review.

Austin McKeon came in to the meeting with questions regarding the December 19th meeting which he was unable to attend. He was told that there are peer reviews scheduled and that the project meeting was being postponed to February 20th, 2019.

7:45pm Borrego Solar Rear Somers Road, Potash Hill Lane *Bonnie made a motion to postpone the hearing until February 20th at 7:30pm, Judy seconded, all in favor 6-0.*

Discussion regarding prior work and balance paid/due with Tighe & Bond. Copy of check and voucher will be sent to them to verify payment. Review of Tighe & Bond proposal for stormwater review of Borrego Solar, Rear Potash Hill Lane project. *Phil made a motion to accept the proposal, Andrew seconded, all in favor, 6-0*

General Discussion: Ted asked the Commissioners to look at the house flip on Scantic road as they drive by on Saturday morning. Judy asked Ted if the Board of Selectmen signed the Conservation Restriction as their meeting? Carabetta Form 9 delivery to Somers road address has not been successful. Commission feels that after four attempts they have done their due diligence. This will be sent back to DEP for follow up.

BSC Group/MECO has submitted a letter of change for poles. Andrew asked if they must reapply or can an addendum just be added. The Board of Selectmen instructed MECO to solve the problem with the neighbors and

then come back to their meeting. Judy thinks that they can amend the NOI with specific mention in the minutes and a vote during the meeting. MECO moved the poles from the right of way onto public property and there is a discussion about the anchors staying within the public way. Bonnie requested that this be added to next weeks agenda at 7:30pm and that a call be placed to Mark Stinson for clarification.

Next weeks agenda will be 7:15pm Anderson/Costa Consulting followed at 7:30 by BSC Group/MECO

8:00pm FY2020 Budget Long and short-term project, office hours and expenses discussed. Commission will be requesting an increase in hours to 30 per week for Conservation Commission Coordinator and a minimal increase in expenses. Letter to Advisory Committee will be written for additional hours request detailing increases in responsibility.

8:40pm With no other business, *Bonnie made a motion to close the meeting, Phil seconded, all in favor 6-0*

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Conservation Commission Coordinator