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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular & Special Meeting Minutes November 20, 2019 Town House

Approved: 12/18/2019

Meeting called to order: 11/20/2019 @ 7:01pm

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

Members Absent: None

Invited Guests:

Also Present:

Bills/Correspondence: Notice from Building Department, (see below)

General Discussion:

Request from R Levesque received in regard to ANRAD, (Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation), for 0 Bennett Road. They would like the paperwork and mapping that was submitted in the 1990's to use for their present day project. Bonnie contacted the state and confirmed that the paperwork and mapping are only 'good' for the life of the Notice of Intent, (NOI), which is three years

The property formerly known as Cumberland Farms has been acquired by new owner who will be represented by ATC. There is a brook on one side of the property and the Scantic River on another side of the property. A Notice of Intent, (NOI), must be filed before any work can commence on the property. Proponent is tentative to attend the December meeting.

An informational notice was received from the Building department in reference to John & Gail Kirsh (who have been before the Commission and received Orders of Condition to construct two single family homes on Mountain road). The Kirsch's will be installing their driveway which was addresses in their OOC.

Tim is looking for a sketch for the monumentation requirements the Commission approved. He also relayed that the Shankels will not be doing anything with the trees in question at this time. Tim also informed the Commission that he wants to step down into the position of Associate Conservation Commission member as of November 21, 2019. *Bonnie made a motion to accept Tim's' request, Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0.* Ted mentioned that he knows of another person looking to volunteer, he will follow up.

0 Somers Road Solar Project update: Borrego Solar appealed the Commission's Order of Conditions to the Department of Environmental Protection, and DEP may write an overriding order after inspecting the project.

Agenda Items:

Minutes: The minutes from both October 16th and October 30th minutes were reviewed, amended and accepted via a motion by Bonnie, seconded by Judy

7:15pm PUBLIC HEARING Town of Hampden Highway Department A request for determination, (RDA) was received for hazardous tree and branch cutting throughout town. The Commission is requesting a 48 hour notice for any work to be done on land within its jurisdiction with minimal vehicle impact on that land. Andrew questioned if this is an exempt activity, the stumps are not being ground, and only the trees are being taken down. The Commission would like a map of the work areas.

With that motion the Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed

7:30pm Public Hearing on the ANRAD submitted by R Levesque: Continued from October 30th meeting. Proponent is not ready due to the wetland and resource areas on the property, new mapping will be needed. Commission has decided to hire an outside consultant to review the project. The proponent did not attend the hearing and this has now been continued to the December 18th meeting for the project identified in the ANRAD. *With that motion the Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed*

Bonnie made a motion to close the meeting at approximately 8:01pm, Andrew seconded the motion which was then approved by a unanimous vote 5-0