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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular & Special Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019 Town House

Approved: January 15, 2020

Meeting called to order: 12/18/2019 @ 7:00pm

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

Members Absent: John Cushman and Tim Hanley

Invited Guests: Ryan Nelson, R Levesque & Associates

Also Present: Thom Page

Bills/Correspondence:

Agenda Items:

Minutes: The regular and special minutes from the November 20th meeting were reviewed, and accepted via a motion by Bonnie and seconded by Ted. All Commissioners in favor

7:05pm PUBLIC HEARING (continued from November 20th meeting) ANRAD submitted by R Levesque:

Ryan Nelson reviewed the project using mapping that was submitted in the 1990's. The wetlands, intermittent and perennial streams were delineated approximately twenty (20) years ago on these documents. This delineation has expired since former project was not started/completed. The entire property is in Natural Heritage and Endangered Species, (NHESP). He pointed out the stream that they are trying to have reclassified from perennial to intermittent. He reviewed the buffer and riverfront areas. Ryan then spoke to the DEP drought issuance of October 15th that was retroactive to September 1st, as he feels that they have evidence that the stream is now intermittent from four days of photography. They are anticipating a peer review by the Commission, and Ryan is aware that the Commission can withhold winter delineation. He accepts that and is willing to wait until better weather and/or the spring season to have the review commence. Commissioners discussed potential resources to contact for review.

A motion was made to continue the Public Hearing until the January 15, 2020 meeting, with all Commissioners in favor.

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

General Discussion:

- DEP site visit to Rear Somers Road solar project site
- Andrew briefly outlined the Storm Water committee meetings and changes that they are hoping to institute via a bylaw change at the Annual Town Meeting. Their next meeting is on January 22, 2020 at 6pm, (snow date of February 5th, 2020 at 6pm), in the Town House. They are planning that this will be a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission, themselves and the Planning Board. ConCom will post a special meeting anticipating a quorum of Commissioners attending.
- Judy made a motion to purchase a new voice recorder. Ted seconded, all Commissioners in favor.

Andrew made a motion to close the meeting at approximately 8:15pm, Bonnie seconded the motion which was then approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0