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HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes August 21, 2019 Town House

Amended & Approved: September 18, 2019

Meeting called to order: 8/21/2019 @ 7pm

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

Members Absent: None

Invited Guests: Anne Murphy, Kirt Mayland, David Feldman and Jack Cushman

Also Present: Chris Bone and Harold Alston

Bills/Correspondence: none

Agenda Items:

7pm Wm & Linda Bond, 100 Main St – Proponents not present. Request for Determination of Applicability to add second story deck with hand dug sono tubes at edge of existing on grade concrete pad. Ted, Judy and Bonnie all visited the property and did not see anything out of the ordinary. The house was built before the WPA. Judy pointed out that this home is not in a Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program area.

Andrew asked if 100 Main St needed a Notice of Intent and was told only if the original pad is disturbed. Review of document submitted. Tim asked for a drawing and the proponent will be asked for one to be provided as a condition before the project is started.

Judy made a motion to approve with a change checking box D, municipal wetlands, and that the Bonds include a map and drawing before the work is started.

Bonnie made a motion to issue a negative determination, work described within a resource area and a notation to 'see attached for orders' Any loose dirt is to be covered or removed to the front of the property, and a map needs to be submitted before work starts and only the sono tubes will be outside of the foot print of the slab. Andrew seconded, all in favor 5-0.

7:10pm Anne Murphy, Bennett Road Anne came in for an informal discussion on property she owns on (222) Bennett Road. She had been in two years ago with a proposed construction plan to build farther back on the property and is now back and wants to build in the front of the property in line with other homes on the street. Prior documents were reviewed. She is looking for guidance on what needs to be done now. Andrew asked if they had filed a Request for Determination last time, (yes) and suggested they file another for this project. Judy asked if they were now more than 200 feet from the river, (yes) Judy asked that they stake out the proposed location of the house. The Commission will make a site visit and she can file for a building permit and check with Lorri McCool on septic placement. Judy advised checking the Geographical Information System to look for Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program areas. Once the RDA is completed she can contact Kelly or drop off with Eva.

7:30pm WHC Hampden, Inc 34 Main Street: DEP file number 173-158, Request for a Certificate of Compliance

7:40pm WHC Hampden, Inc 34 Main Street: DEP file number 173-0167, Request for a Certificate of Compliance
Dave Feldman, Vice President of Wingate Health Care appeared to requests these certificates. The property has been sold and it was found during the anticipated August 1st transfer date that these certificates had not been issued. (Continued on PG2)

(Continued from PG 1)

The site visits were completed and no problems had been noted. The silt fence is still protecting the river. It was suggested that in areas where the silt fence is sticking up that it be cut out by hand. Dave was also directed to let his landscapers know that they cannot place branches or grass clippings in that area and that the debris should be removed from the property.

There had been an extension of 173-0167 recorded.

Judy made a motion to sign the Certificates of Compliance for DEP file numbers 173-158, (Abandoned Well) and 173-0167, (New Septic System). Ted seconded, all in favor 5-0.

Minutes The April 17, 2019 minutes were reviewed, and corrections noted. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Tim seconded, all in favor 5-0.

Andrew wanted to discuss Mill Pond and that it has gotten harder for the Fire Department to draft from the hydrant there. Firemen in wetsuits went into the pond and cleaned out the strainer. The Fire Department wants to add to the pipe by preparing/prejoining new sections prior to bringing them underwater and joining to the existing section. Tim suggested using couplings instead of glue. Andrew questioned what paperwork needed to be filled out. Judy said that it is land under water and a repair of a municipal utility and asked that a Request for Determination be filed with a specific drawing of the order of work.

Ted shared that 505 Main Street has had their well fail. They abut Westbrook and the 'Rec'. A new well needs to be drilled and the only area is within the wetlands. A Request for Determination needs to be filed; initial conditions suggested by Judy were 1. Silt barriers, 2. Water will be pumped on to the lawn far away from the river, towards the house during the drilling, 3. The RDA needs to be accompanied by a drawing. Andrew suggested that the trench needed to be backfilled on the same day.

8pm Altus Power 229 Somers Road Kibbe Solar Project: This is continued from prior meeting. Kirt Mayland appeared requesting a Certificate of Compliance for this project. The report from Sherman and Frydryk was reviewed. There was a discussion of the mowing area. Kirt is resending form 8A and the 'as built's'. Judy made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Altus Power, DEP file # 173-200. Ted seconded, all in favor 5-0.

Discussion of what Conservation Commission Commissioner duties and guidelines for new Commissioners.

From ZBA: Erin and Eric LaPorte of 1 Howlett Hill Road requested a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals 7.2 side yard setback variance to construct an accessory building. Andrew is asking for a Request for Determination and a site visit will be required. The fee will be waived and they do not need to notify abutters. Andrew informed the Commissioners that the ZBA wants an answer by the 27th.

Site Visits Needed/ Requested:

Site Inspection for WMECO mitigation areas, Andrew asked that they send in photos as Ever Source had. LaFreniere, 294 Glendale Road, septic repair
Barroso, lot 3 & 4 Ames Road, wants extension of Orders of Conditions, no reason given. Need to check the condition of the silt fencing.

September site visits to be posted:

September 11th at 5pm LaFreniere, 294 Glendale Road followed by Barroso lots 3 & 4 Ames Road at 5:30pm

Other Business:

Tim- Scantic River log removal, approximate cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200, Selectmen and Tree Warden should cover this charge, subject to availability of funds. Andrew will appear before BOS on 09/03/19 to request. Mr. Dorn will have to re file.

Andrew made a motion to close the meeting at approximately 9pm, Ted seconded, all in favor 5-0