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**HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024
Town House Auditorium and Zoom**

Meeting called to order: 6:11 pm

Members Present: Judy McKinley-Brewer- Co-Chair, Ted Zebert – Co-Chair, Thomas Page, Andrew Netherwood

Public Comment – none

Agenda Items:

December 20, 2023 minutes were read. Judy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Ted Zebert – all approved

Maintenance activity projects were discussed regarding pole replacement, overhead maintenance and possible tree removal and vegetation management. Four of these projects were requested by Coneco and the other project requested by MECO. The Coneco projects include Somers Rd., Mill Rd., Walnut Rd., Old Coach Rd., Old Coach Circle, Allen St. Allen Place, Carmody Rd., Samble Lane, Pinewood Rd., Isaac Bradway Lane, Martin Farm Rd. Ames Rd., Glendale Rd., Mountain and South Rd. The MECO notification regarded maintenance activity to an electrical distribution line on River Park Drive. The work is within 200 FT. Riverfront. The commission voted to approve all five projects. Andrew suggested including a sentence addressing soil stabilization by stating that all tree stumps need to remain in the ground. This statement will be included in the notice to the companies from the commission. He also suggested a time line of May 1st – October 1st for work to be completed. Work is scheduled to begin as soon as weather permitting.

Lot 15-009-012 on Scantic Rd. and Lot 28-029-000 on Burleigh were discussed. Neither lot has formally filed with the commission. Both are mapped under NHESP. The Scantic Rd. lot did file with NHESP. Their response is that the lot must be conditioned to avoid a prohibited Take of state listed species. Prior to the start of any work, including vegetation clearing and soil disturbance, the applicant must submit an Eastern Box Turtle Protection Plan. The plan must be prepared and implemented by a qualified, Division approved wildlife biologist in possession of a valid Scientific Collection Permit issued by the Division. Searches for the state listed turtles associated with this plan must occur during their active season (April 15th – October 15th).

Andrew made a motion to continue Glendale Solar LLC from February 20th to March 6th 2024. An extension agreement was signed by commission members present. It will be emailed to Rory Walker Thursday morning.

7:05 – Andrew made a motion to close the meeting. It was 2nd by Thomas. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Geromini
Administrative Assistant