

## Conservation Commission Minutes 01/07/2007

### Hopkinton Conservation Commission

January 16, 2007

Meeting at Town Hall

Called to order at 1930 EST by Chairman Owen.

Present: Jed Merrow, Ron Klemarczyk, Eric Leadbeater, Derek Owen and Lee Wilder.

1. Jodi (and Andrea) Nepveu owner of 697 Main St., Contoocook, NH, AKA north corner of Smithfield and Main St., bought this lot. They are the second owners. House was built by Dunning Home Group (?). At the time they had a small child. The house's back yard was the steep stream valley of the unnamed tributary (to the stream draining land between NH Rte. 103 and 127) passing under the entrance to Smithfield Rd. Jodi's father talked with the Hopkinton Highway Department, esp. Hermi Blanchette, who told the father that he did not need a permit from the Town, (to extend the Town's culvert). He only needed to call DigSafe. Mid September 2006, Jodi's father hired his cousin, who rented construction equipment from his employer's construction company - Pichette Bros. The cousin did the work himself. 72' of black PVC 3' culvert pipe was attached to the existing Smithfield culvert and laid in the existing streambed. The added culvert was buried in crushed stone and sandy fill, then loam was put on top and the fill was seeded. Jodi's father served as general contractor. DES sent the Nepveus a letter asking for a permit to fill in a streambed. Dawn Buker (of DES) inspected the finished project and said they need to talk with the Town. Holden engineering, which Jodi's father knew and who did the engineering for the Smithfield/Dunning subdivision, told them to talk with the HCC. Discussion followed. Ron will discuss this with Dawn of DES and get back to us. We will keep the Nepveus informed.

2. Minutes of 12/19/06 HCC meeting were corrected to give Todd's e-mail as "taubertin". Accepted as corrected.

3. Financial report: The HCC budget for 2007 was reduced by the selectmen from \$1665 (already a 5% decrease from 2006) to \$1225. Several reimbursement items are still outstanding. Jed is checking on the Bermuda-Harris title search reimbursement. Gould Hill appraisal and title search is pending.
4. Dues for the NHACC were discussed and approved.
5. Notices: SPNHF Land Conservation Coalition Meeting.
6. Draft Conservation Ordinance comments were discussed.
7. Bio Energy petition by REACH was discussed.
8. Alternate members for the HCC were discussed. Lee will check with Lori Sommer.
9. Ron has finished the HCC Annual Report for the upcoming Hopkinton Town Report.
10. Derek (?) will invite Byron Carr to the February HCC meeting re Contoocook River frontage at Burnham Intervale.
11. The next HCC meeting is Tuesday Feb. 20, 2007 at 1930 EST at Town Hall. Derek Owen will host.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder, Acting Secretary

*These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next HCC meeting on 2/20/07 at the Town Hall.*