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**BOARD:** Conservation Commission  
**TOPIC:** Monthly Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** February 10, 2016  
**MEETING PLACE:** Town Hall Meeting Room  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Dempsey, C. Keene, H. Meninger, J. Gebauer, T. Grim,  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. Schaefer, J. Aalto  
**GUESTS:** none  
**RECORDER:** Hauss

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Keene seconds the motion.

**(Voted: 4-0).**

**Pecker Lane-** Keene wanted an update on Pecker Lane.

Dempsey said Grim was not happy with the erosion controls. We will get an update from the developer.

Grim said sediment has traveled down the road. There is no erosion controls near where the swale is and the homes are being built. The silt sock is gone. The owners will have the contractor put more erosion controls down in the area.

**Lower Center Street-** Selectman D'Amore came to give the BOS view on grills. The BOS understands the sovereignty of the committee. They understand the decision you made which has a strong opinion through the fire chief. D'Amore entered into public record the grills rules.

This is the consent by the fire chief. The BOS would like the Conservation Commission to reconsider their vote.

Keene said we were in this predicament because there was no written documentation that fires was allowed. The fire chief may have changed his decision. He needs to sign a document stating that grills are allowed to be in this area.

Keene said we don't have any written approval from the fire chief.

Gebauer said we looked at the rules and how it will be an arduous task.

Grim said you need to get a permit to have a fire in town. Enforceability is a big issue. Protecting the area is another issue. If there is a problem, it will come right back at us. Grim suggested there should be a grill committee. We should have representation from both opponents and proponents

D'Amore said he will go back to the board and tell them the BOS is done.

Dempsey will try to contact Chief Bob Lay and ask him to come to the Conservation Commission meeting or have a signed document agreeing to the grills. Dempsey also said we have a CPA proposal in for this year to fund permitting and upgrades to Veasey and Lower Center St by the pond.

Keene said it might be the best to hear from the Fire Chief and the Police Department to determine if the rules presented tonight would be enforceable.

Mr. Sample said the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over this property. The grills and the picnic tables are under the Conservation Commission. Mr. Sample reiterated about the tables and the grills and how the Eagle Scouts worked and cleaned up the area 2 to 3 times per year. Mr. Sample stated the neighbors didn't want ethnic groups down there.

Meninger said that at the meeting both sides of neighbors who were for and against voiced their opinion.

Keene said that prior email messages state the fire chief was suggesting not having grills. Also Keene said if the Samples can get the State Fire Marshall's consent as to whether this is fire chief's jurisdiction it might be helpful for the commission.

Grim said we are here to protect conservation land.

**800 Salem St.** Enforcement issues on the property. We asked Mr. Knight to plant grass and not dump grass clippings. Seed was planted in November. Aalto did speak with Mr. Knight and a follow-up will be done in April.

**One Apple Blossom Way.** Mr. D'Fazio needs to apply for a GNOI since his proposed garage will be under conservation jurisdiction.

Gebauer will ride by the residence in to see if there is any building taken place.

**6 Stonebridge Rd.** Dempsey was issuing a COC when the owner wanted to cut down trees 75 ft. from the buffer to his property line. This was the same thing allowed next door at 4 Stonebridge Rd. The owner said he is good with that.

**(Action Taken :)**

Dempsey motions to let 6 Stonebridge Rd. owners to cut from the 75 feet buffer as shown on the plans to the property line as marked. Grim seconds the motion. **(Voted: 5-0)**.

Dempsey said the next meeting will be March 16, 2016.

Keene said, thank you to Julie for all the reminders.

Dempsey said there is unfinished business.

1. Septic systems. Sunset Circle Lots 1 & 2. These properties are in Zone 2 of the aquifer. Dempsey wants to know what they are doing.

2. Monday night signoff procedure -

If you don't feel comfortable for Building Inspector sign off or BOH sign off:

Get advice from another member by phone,  
Contact Mike for a site visit,  
Have them come back in a week,  
Have them come in to the meeting if it is close to the date.

If there are no wetlands confirmed by a visit if necessary or as stated on the septic plans:

Sign the BOH form and return only the form to the Board of Health for septic plans  
Copy the form and put it with the plans in the Conservation Commission mail box for Julie to file  
Copy the Building Inspector sign-off and put it in our box

**(Action Taken:)**

Grim moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Gebauer seconds the motion. (Voted:5-0)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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