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**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:05pm

Attendance: Tim Johnson chair, excused, Cindy Robertson member, Phil Fitanides alt-member, Steve Couture member, Mike Sorel Planning Board member, excused, David Hess member, David Ross Town Council Rep, James Walter member, excused

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Robertson motioned to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2009 meeting Phil Fitanides seconded by voted unanimously

Public Input:

Appointments:

Possible Land Acquisition – Dale Hemeon, Parks & Recreation Department

Dale Hemeon – I am here to see if there is a possibility of the commission purchasing the lot to the right of the Petersbrook field and donating it to Parks & Recreation. Picking up this parcel of land would be a great addition to the Parks and Recreation field needs while meeting the needs of the town as it continues to grow. I thought I would come before you and suggest recreation land for the kids that may be able to be purchased. The last piece of land that was donated to the town by conservation was Lambert’s Park. I know that you guys are looking into other parcels of land but I did want to ask that this piece of land be considered.

David Hess – Where is this located?

Dale Hemeon – This is located behind GE.

Phil Fitanides – Aren’t there other fields located back there?

Dale Hemeon – Yes those are town owned.

David Hess – Is this all mined?

Dale Hemeon – Yes, this is flat. It would was supposed to be a roller rink.

Steve Couture – Can you use impact fees?

Dale Hemeon – I am not completely sure it is something that we can do with impact fees but we are looking into it. But this parcel would meet all of the needs for years to come. It would make a nice park for the town for years to come.

Cindy Robertson – How big is the town lot?

Dale Hemeon – I believe it is about 6 acres. The parcel that we are looking at is 10 acres. I would like to see Old Home Day move to this park as there is move room and parking.

Steve Couture – We are interested but we have a few acquisitions that are in the works right now. But we are definitely interested.

Dale Hemeon – I wanted to come in and plant the seed. I know that it is the responsibility of the commission to gather land for all recreational use.

Steve Couture –If you can gather some more information and come back to us that would be great.

Green Mountain Communications – 101 W, River Road - Jack Szemplinski, Benchmark Engineering

Jack Szemplinski – Green Communications is looking at this sand pit for a building that would be 13000sq ft and have 35 parking spaces with some outside storage. The property right now is pretty well buffered from route 3. The access to the property would be a common driveway that is adjacent to a three acre parcel that could be developed. I am here before you because we went before the ZBA looking for a special exception for wetlands. There is about 2100square foot of wetland in the center of the property with no vegetation around it. The water comes down from here and creates these wetlands. We are looking for your blessing on this.

Steve Couture – What are you going to do to stabilize this situation regarding the water accumulating in that area?

Jack Szemplinski – We will be using a heavy soil and putting a culvert in. There is still very good soil that is left there. We have also done a few test pits. The Planning Board approved it. It is actually a stream that sits in its bed very well. I was going to install some under drains and that would carry the water to the retention pond. The clay barrier will also help to keep it in the area.

Steve Couture – Have you done any type of flow analysis here?

Jack Szemplinski – Yes we have some. The overflow will come into the pond. The pond is not very deep only about 6ft but on the bottom we will be putting crushed stone.

Steve Couture – When was the ZBA first public meeting regarding?

Jack Szemplinski – We were before the ZBA in April.

Steve Couture – We want to do a site walk we will not be able to come up with a recommendation tonight until we physically look at the land.

David Hess – Let’s look at it first before we make any recommendations.

Steve Couture – We can do a conditional recommendation depending upon the site walk.

Cindy Robertson motioned to a conditional recommendation to the ZBA depending upon the site walk outcome. David Ross seconded voted unanimously.

The site walk will be held June 8 at 9am.

Commission Reports:

1. **Open Space Subcommittee** – N/A
2. **Kiwanis Trails Initiative** – N/A

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

1. **Invoices** – n/a

Non Public – RSA 91-A: 3, II, d

David Hess motioned to enter into non-public session seconded by Cindy Robertson voted unanimously

Cindy Robertson motioned to exit non-public seconded by David Hess voted unanimously

Adjournment: Cindy Robertson motioned at to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm David Ross seconded voted unanimously