



Town of South Hadley

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 6, 2009

SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M.

Individuals recognized by the Chair must identify themselves and direct their questions to the subject matter on this agenda.

1. **7:00 PM** OPEN FORUM Opportunity for the public to come in and ask questions, discuss wetland concerns with the Conservation Commission.
2. **7:15 PM** PUBLIC HEARING, continued on a Notice of Intent (288-399) filed by the Orchards LLC DBA Orchards Golf Club Arnold Palmer Golf Management for routine maintenance work within the buffer zone and some resource areas at the Orchards Golf Club, 18 Silverwood Terrace (Map 52 Parcel 164).

To be continued to next Conservation Commission meeting date at request of applicant.

3. **7:15 PM** PUBLIC HEARING to discuss two Articles submitted for Spring Town Meeting. The first is a **Right to Farm Bylaw**, and the second is **establishment of an Agricultural Commission** in South Hadley. The subject matter of the Articles is as follows:

The **Right to Farm Bylaw** reaffirms existing protection allowed agricultural practices by state law and local bylaws and regulations. It does not extend legal rights in new areas.

This general Bylaw supports the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of South Hadley by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies, when done in compliance with state laws and town bylaws and regulations.

The **Agricultural Commission** would be established to serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in the town both as a business and a resource, the preservation of farmland, the promotion of agriculture-based economic opportunities, and the visibility of farming in South Hadley.

4. **As time is available:**

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bills Payable.
2. Updates. The Gate, Orion Farm, Apple Rd, volunteer projects, East Street, Beachgrounds Park, Stewart Street, St Patrick's parking lot, preparation for Town Meeting, performance evaluation for Administrator.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission will be Monday April 27th at 7 PM.