

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

of

Hampton, New Hampshire

MEETING OF JUNE 20, 1966

The meeting was held in the chambers of the Municipal Court House at 7:45 P. M.

The following members were present: Chairman Ruth Stimson, H. Clifford Bean, Stillman Hobbs, Ruth Nutter, Edna Pearl Parr, Samuel A. Towle, and Minna Waters.

The minutes of the meeting of May 16 were read by the Secretary and accepted.

Chairman Ruth Stimson reported briefly on the meeting of the New-Hampshire-Vermont Conference on Outdoor Beauty which she attended at Plymouth.

Mrs. Parr reported on conferences with Mr. Robert Wheeler of Portsmouth, member of the city council and chairman of the incinerator committee. Mr. Wheeler described various kinds of incinerators, quoting a cost of \$72,000 for one operated by oil or natural gas with a filter for controlling smog and smoke. He stated that if two or more towns or cities participated in a joint project, there was the possibility of federal aid.

Mr. Bean reported on the disposal situation in Rye and North Hampton. Rye's incinerator has caused a problem of smoke and cinders which has led to complaints by residents in the area who have been inconvenienced. At present, there is a court case pending in regard to this. Mr. Percy Rogers, selectman of North Hampton, informed Mr. Bean of North Hampton's method of disposal, including the problem of rat control, regular burning, and other factors. He estimated that North Hampton could continue with its present method of disposal for five years and that an incinerator to meet the needs would cost approximately \$450,000.

Mr. Towle reported on the rubbish disposal in Hampton, noting among other factors that the peak of disposal was in the period from June 15 to September 15 when the trucks are loaded six times per day. At the present rate, one acre per year is being covered with sanitary fill. Chairman Ruth Stimson made a number of comments on the Hampton situation stating that the State Sanitary Department does not approve of Hampton's present method. She then gave some facts and figures relative to Hampton, indicating that the present rate of disposal is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds or  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel of refuse per person, per day. She also gave approximate figures on capacity and costs of an incinerator which might meet the needs of Hampton.

The following further investigations are to be made by the committee: Department of Public Health (R. Stimson), City of Newton, Mass. (Mrs. Nutter), Portsmouth (E. Parr), North Hampton and Rye and consultation with John Batchelder (H. C. Bean), sources of federal aid (S. Hobbs).

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held some time after the September primaries.

Meeting adjourned (after the serving of strawberry shortcake by the generosity of Mrs. Waters).

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Stillman M. Hobbs, Secretary