

Hampton Conservation Commission

May 21st, 1973

Chairman Peter Randall, Ruth Stimson, Irene Palmer, Ednapearl Parr, Nelson Grant, Stillman Hobbs, and Ruth Nutter met at the Lane Memorial Library, on May 21st, at eight o' clock.

Peter opened the meeting by asking for the report of the Secretary. Minutes of the meetings of January 22nd, and March 10th, were read, and approved. Ruth Stimson reported, as Treasurer, that upon request, she had received the \$500 voted our Commission at Town Meeting. This made a balance of \$1104.65. The disbursements, as itemized, came to \$122.81, leaving a balance on May 21st, of \$981.84.

Under old business, it was noted that the last request for filling, made by the Battcocks, had been denied.

With great pleasure, Ednapearl reported that the Governor had signed H. B. 407, to abolish the enabling legislation of the Hampton Municipal Development Authority - 1959 and 1961.

Ruth Stimson briefly reviewed a meeting which she had attended in North Hampton--the subject being on "Easements", how they may be used legally and effectively.

Peter reported of the interest in Marsh Mapping in Rye. Altho' a proposal to map the Seacoast Marsh area would run into an expense, it was felt by those attending the meeting that it would be an accurate tool for dredging, and other related projects.

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Peter spoke at some length on the importance of an economic survey of Hampton River. Through this medium, we could learn of the value of the marshes. Among the avenues to explore in accomplishing this would be an interview program. "How many go clamming - from what town do they come - what is their equipment, where purchased and at what price? Also, are motels used, what stores and gift shops visited, restaurants, and other necessary questions to obtain the desired results, as an aid to oppose dredging, & purchase Ednaparl announced that she is to make a detailed report to the General Court on Cancer in New Hampshire, and that there is more cancer in our state, per capita, than any other area in the entire United States. One wonders, if the Nuclear Plant is built in Seabrook, how this will change these statistics.

Ednaparl also spoke of HB 714, an establishment of a 200 mile off shore limit and protective boundary, including a part of the Georges Banks, and HB 286, which concerns Ocean clams and Ocean oysters, which are three million dollar beds, within a five to ten mile limit from shore-- both bills out of Committee and ought to pass.

Under New Business, ideas for the Bicentennial which will be observed in '73, '74, '75 and '76 were discussed. Ruth Stimson spoke of making hay cocks on staddles along U.S. 1, with a possibility of ten, around our area. These would create much interest among photographers and artists. Ruth also suggested an exhibit at the

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library, consisting of marsh equipment, plants, and seeking the co-operation of the Historical Society. A First Day Cover, utilizing a Hampton design, might initiate this act.

Irene spoke of the plans of Neal Socha, in constructing a Nature Trail on a portion of the 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres at the Marston School. Ruth noted that Stanley Knowles has laid out plans for several Nature Trails. Irene felt that care should be taken in planning and executing this, in case an addition should be built at the Marston School, while Peter was of the opinion that our open spaces were too quickly disappearing, and those we now have, should be retained.

Stillman reported that he had attended a meeting at Lamie's Tavern, called by Ruth Chilton, who is Chairman of the Civic Committee of the Hampton Monday Club. This committee has put much time and thought into the beautification of Hampton, and are hopeful of receiving financial aid. It was thought by our Commission that our funds should not be used for this purpose. Stillman also spoke of the area behind Colt's News store, wondering if, at the least, a rubbish container might not be placed there.

Peter again spoke of a Nature Trail on Taylor River, and Ruth Nutter volunteered to study Tax Maps, at the Assessor's Office, to obtain owner's names, for easements.

Nelson offered the suggestion that the Natural Resource portion of our returned questionnaires again be studied by us, using gained information

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as a guide line for future activities.

It is at our first meeting after new or re-appointments to this commission by the Selectmen that new officers are elected.

We were all regretful to hear that Peter could not continue as our Chairman, due to other commitments. His knowledge of our interests, and the many hours he has devoted to his duties as Chairman, are very much appreciated by all of us. He has been a valuable factor in making others in town aware of this Commission, and hopefully we will continue to gain the support and understanding of more of Hampton's citizens. Peter made the motion, seconded by Stillman,

that the following be nominated for office:

Chairman Nelson Grant

Co-Chairman Ednapearl Parr

Treasurer Ruth Stimson

Secretary Ruth Nutter

The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at ten after ten, with the next meeting to be held on June 18th.

Submitted by

Ruth M. Nutter

Secretary