

Hampton Conservation Commission

October 24th, 1977.

Our Chairman, Nelson Grant, opened the meeting at eight o'clock, with Irene Palmer, Loren Hutchins, Neil MacPherson and Ruth Nutter present.

Peter Olney was with us to further discuss our Commission accepting an area of land located in his building project. He suggested uses for this land-- sheep raising, or utilizing the extremely rich soil. The question was raised, "To what are we committing ourselves?" The culverts in the roadways are owned by the town. Peter offered the thought that the major role of this Commission would be to insure that the developers live up to their agreement and responsibilities. If we accepted this land, and during and after the development, it became littered with paper cups, bottles and other trash, would we be called upon to clean it up, and restore order? We are considering an area of a bit over two acres, the entire area covering 26 to 27 acres. The Planning Board stated Peter give it to us with restrictions. Loren offered the idea that an enclosing fence be erected for the sheep. Loren then made the motion, seconded by Ruth, that he take Peter's suggestion of development rights, versus an outright gift to this Commission, to the Planning Board. The motion was passed unanimously. At nine thirty, the Secretary's report was read. Upon the motion of Irene, seconded by Loren, this report was accepted as read. Neil represented us at the seventh Annual meeting of the New Hampshire Ass'n of Conservation

Commissions held in Berkshire Auditorium at the New England Center for Continuing Studies in Durham on Friday, October the seventh. He brought an excellent written report, given to the Secretary for our records, covering the business meeting in detail. The annual report of Malcolm Taylor, Executive Sec. was impressive in showing the concern of our Commissions for the protection of wet-lands, the means of educating, and alerting various towns of this problem, and working with the legislature to get necessary bills passed to insure proper continuation of wet-lands protection. There are 190 Conservation Commissions in our state. Nelson suggested that a student at the High School level might have an interest in our field, and Loren offered to speak to Eugene Hawley about it. Funds are available from the University. The Secretary was requested to write to Charles Tucker, Southeastern N. H. Regional Planning Commission, to inquire if there was a Coastal Zone map, showing Primary, Secondary and Tertiary zones, and if so, would he send us one.

Our next meeting will be on Monday evening, Nov. 28th. At ten O'clock, Neil made the motion that we be adjourned.

Submitted by

Ruth M. Nutter, Secretary.