

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 22, 1986

In attendance: Peter E. Tilton, Jr.
Margaret Lawrence
Claire Dumaine
William Barkley
Allen Bridle
Irene Palmer
Nelson Grant

Also: Phil Richards
George Hardardt
Kenneth Bishop
William Thoden
Eugene Brune
Marilyn Newton

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The Chairman announced a change in date for the next meeting to June 19.

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 24, 1986 were accepted as presented.

Mrs. Dumaine reported that the Office of State Planning received a grant last year to take pictures of the town for wetlands mapping. This grant will expire the end of June; and presently, the maps will not be ready until later in the summer. Mr. Thoden of G & Underwood Engineers, Inc. presented composite maps for the members review. The wetlands information had not yet been indicated as that information will come from the State. It was felt the town needs better wetlands maps as the previous maps only covered prime wetland areas. G & Underwood is currently doing map work for the Town and as an extension of this project will plot the Conservation Commission's needs. Discussion centered around the scale and after much deliberation it was determined the most value would be in maintaining the same scale as the Town. Overall timing of this project is a concern. In addition, it was also felt it was possible the Wetlands Ordinance may have to be amended to reflect the use of the new maps..

A Dredge and Fill Application from the Town of Hampton was heard concerning the Glade Path Project. Messrs. Richards and Hardardt stated the project is now complete, but reported their application is necessary as excess funds in the budget will be used to construct a small public wharf for loading and unloading purposes only. Mr. Richards stated the Board of Selectmen have approved this proposal and all labor will be volunteer with funds being used for materials. Mr. Bridle questioned liability and was informed as a public landing the area is covered under the Town's policy. Mrs. Palmer questioned the effect on marsh grass growth and it was stated this would be minimal. Mr. Bridle moved the Conservation Commission would have no objection to the plan and Mrs. Palmer seconded it. The vote was deferred until Mrs. Lawrence could view the site. The Chairman will poll the members on Monday.

While the Town representatives were present, Mr. Bridle questioned the tide gates on Drakeside Road. Mr. Hardardt stated the tide gates will stay open until the litigation is complete. This litigation regards the Woodman suit with the Wetlands Board. Mr. Bridle requested a copy of the Town's letter from the State regarding this.

Mr. Brune of 19 Garland Street, Island Path, presented a request for the construction of a deck on his cottage at that address. Construction of the deck would enter the buffer zone. The members of the Conservation Commission will do a site inspection pending the paperwork with the Planning Board. The Planning Board meets again next Tuesday and Mr. Brune was informed the Conservation Commission will have a decision by Monday evening. (It should be noted that construction was begun prior to the proper Town approvals.)

With regard to the Glade Path Dock, Mr. Barkley felt the Town should be aware of other concerns in regard to the construction and proposal presented although these issues were outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Chairman reported that the Cooperative Extension Service was holding a workshop on Thursday June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Kingston Town Hall. The subject would be the growth and development in Rockingham County and the role of the Conservation Commissions.

The members were advised that the Planning Board had acted on two earlier special permit applications that had come before the Commission...the Continental Microwave (Foss) application was turned down and the Planning Board also agreed with the Commission's recommendation to oppose the Tri-Rent-All application for paving.

The Chairman reported that the Land Bank had met last week and a mailing will be made the first part of September to landowners. Mr. Bridle suggested the use of the Atlantic Newsletter as an alternate means of communication.

With regard to old business and the 'Delaney slab' it was reported that the Building Inspector had heard from Mr. Prokop of the Coastal Program and it was determined by the State Wetlands Board that the area in question was not in wetlands. The members feel a response is necessary and the department should be informed the Hampton Conservation Commission considers this area as having been wetland (was once Little River) and may return to this condition. A memo will also be made to the Building Inspector stating the 50' buffer does apply. It was further recommended that the Town should pursue restoration of Little River and stabilization of its banks with the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Bridle reported he had recently attended a Planning Board meeting which dealt with a reserve strip of land on Towle Farm Road under the application of Jack Furbush. He had opposed this development as the Town does not approve reserve strips according to prior litigation and it was also mentioned the area in question contains wetland. Mr. Bridle recommended the Commission's involvement with a letter to the Planning Board advising them of Attorney Sarri's statement that the property contains wetland and questioning why the Conservation Commission had not been advised.

Mr. Barkley announced he is in the process of subdividing his land and that it would be done in accordance with all ordinances and that he will step down as a member of the Hampton Conservation Commission whenever it might become necessary. At this time he expects no conflicts but did wish to make the members aware from the beginning. The members felt there was no problem with Mr. Barkley continuing as a member.

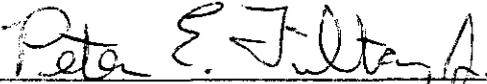
Mrs. Lawrence felt a letter of appreciation should be sent to Dan Coughlin of the Planning Board and Ansell Palmer, Selectmen, for their support of the Hampton Conservation Commission. Mr. Bridle seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mrs. Palmer abstained.

The Chairman reported on the recent Groundwater Forum and stated about twenty-five people had attended and that the project had received good press coverage.

With regard to the expired permit on Randall Radkay's High Street property discussed at the last meeting, it has been learned that he does hold a renewed permit from the State which will not expire until 1987. As it is possible the Wetlands Ordinance does cover any future construction on this property, town or state legal counsel will be queried on this matter. The Chairman will try to get a classification on this from the Building Inspector and if there is no response, he will approach the Town's attorney.

Mrs. Palmer presented the latest edited copy of the Marsh Guide for review. A workparty is still pending for completion of the project.

There being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


Peter E. Tilton, Jr. - Chairman
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