

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

July 24, 1986

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

The minutes of the previous meeting on June 19, 1986 were approved as presented.

Mrs. Dumaine reported on the recent meeting with Normandeau Associates regarding the town wetlands mapping and presented aerial photographic type maps for the members review. The final reproductions will be prepared from these prints. At the present, the cost of reproduction is still a factor as well as the status of the maps from G & Underwood Engineers. It was also learned from this meeting that a video tape on marsh and wetlands identification is available and this will be pursued. Much discussion centered around the wetlands of Hampton and the definition and identification of prime wetland. It was also learned the Army Corps of Engineers can intercede on wetlands matters where an acre or more is involved.

Mr. Bridle presented the June Treasurer's Report to the members.

The Eugene Brune application for a deck on property at Island Path was specially mentioned as the Zoning Board had overruled the Commission's recommendation. The Conservation Commission has twenty days to appeal and this possibility was discussed. On a motion made and seconded, the Chairman will querie the Zoning Board for an explanation of the applicant's hardship in this matter.

A Dredge and Fill Application was presented by the State of New Hampshire for the replacement of floats at the State Pier. On a motion made by Allen Bridle and seconded by Margaret Lawrence, the Commission will not oppose the permit. The vote was unanimous.

A second Dredge and Fill Application was received from the Town of Hampton for construction on Drakeside Road to repair the tide gates. Much discussion was heard on the impact of the tides and whether the areas involved were salt water or fresh-water marshes. Other issues unrelated to the spirit of conservation entered the discussions and Mrs. Palmer felt conservation was the primary concern here. Mr. Bridle wished to be on record as opposing the Town Manager's involvement in the tidal gate matter. Mr. Grant made a motion that the Conservation Commission recommend denial of this application and Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The vote was four-to-one in favor of the denial with two abstentions.

An application for Special Permit was also presented by E. M. Houck for the construction of a road to cross a poorly drained soil off of Langdale Drive near Batchelder's Pond. Mr. Bridle moved that an exact location and map by a licensed engineer be presented to the Commission. This was seconded by Mrs. Lawrence with a unanimous vote by the members. A site inspection will be arranged after receipt of the plan.

The Marsh Guide was presented for the members review as the final revision is complete.

The Chairman reported on the recent Land Bank meeting. Representatives from the State were present with information on establishing town forests. Mr. J. B. Cullen, one of the State Foresters, also had input regarding town ordinances for Land Bank issues. Various proposals before the Legislature had also been discussed.

Mr. Bridle brought up the subject of the haycocks and the need for re-building them. He suggested that it was a project the schools might be able to become involved in through the drama, history, and sciences programs. Video-taping the rebuilding of haycocks was included in the discussion. It was felt the project might also relate to the Town's upcoming 350th Anniversary.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Peter E. Tilton, Jr. - Chairman