

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
August 28, 1990

Members Present: Stephen Joyce, Chairman  
A. Reid Bunker, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Peter Tilton, Jr.  
Alberta True  
Alternate Vivianne Marcotte (sitting for  
Peg Lawrence)  
Alternate Michelle Petillo (sitting for  
James Clifford)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Steele - Glade Path - dredge & fill application

Mr. Joyce said the applicant wants to replace an existing cottage with a year-round house. He said the commission has to decide in a 10-day window whether to intervene in the application. Generally, if there's no disruption of the soil, the commission doesn't intervene. If something is existing (like a deck), Mr. Joyce said he makes the decision for the commission to not intervene. He said he hasn't been letting the commission know when he decides not to intervene.

Mr. Bunker asked Mr. Joyce to let the commission members know when he makes those decisions, which he said he would. Mr. Joyce said the commission gets 10 days to request an additional 30 days. In cases like the Steele's, repair is done without permits, but for improvements, (such as new windows or siding), many people get building permits.

Mr. Tilton said he wouldn't intervene on this application. Mr. Bunker said he didn't object to it either. Mrs. Marcotte said there's a road between the applicant's property & the wetland. Mr. Bunker said the commission could presume they're expanding on an existing house.

Mr. Joyce read a letter stating that in July, 1989, the legislature extended the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction to within 100 feet of the highest observable tideline. A permit is only required when additions extend beyond the existing foundation, said the letter written by Kenneth Kettenring of the state Bureau Administration. The purpose of the expansion was to allow the regulation of activities in the 100-ft. buffer zone.

Mr. Tilton moved that the commission not intervene on the Steele application. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

McPherson application - Mr. Joyce said this application was to install a sewer line. He said he didn't intervene & the applicant was granted a permit.

F.C. DeFreze application - The Wetlands Board had marginal jurisdiction. A permit was issued for the regrading of the parking lot.

Governor's Planning Conference - Mr. Joyce announced the conference would be held August 29.

Municipal Law Lecture Series - The series is being offered in Littleton, Lebanon, Keene, Manchester & Moultonborough on various dates throughout October & November.

Rev. Stoney - The Wetlands Board voted to suspend Rev. Stoney's \$2000 fine. The condition was that there be no further unauthorized work, or applicable fines will be considered for all, including this project.

Robert Lemire was fined \$600.

Certification of Soils Scientists - The commission was given a list of approved soils scientists.

Department of Transportation - toll gates - The conditions for the toll gates are that the construction or replacement of wetlands shall be the first phase. The land must be successfully vegetate, & extraordinary precautions should be taken to prevent siltation in the water during construction.

Rockingham Planning Commission - The commission was invited to a meeting about Pease AFB redevelopment, but missed the date.

Workshop - Wetland mitigation & replication will be held October 1.

Volunteers Award - The commission was given a pamphlet on the process of nominating someone for the 3rd annual award.

Land Aquisitions - Mr. Joyce said Ruth Stimson, former commission member, was contacted by Robert Ellison of Exeter, who wants to give the commission marshland that runs along the power lines in Hampton Falls.

Mr. Tilton said Frank Leavitt of New York also has 5-6 acres he gives the commission. Mr. Tilton said he'd call Mr. Ellison.

DRED News Release - The release said DRED has federal funds that might become available so that communities can develop park & recreation areas. The applications must be based on legal action taken at Town Meeting. There's a limit of \$25,000 per community.

Residents of Hampton have no access to widen without paying for parking or launching boats. Mr. Joyce suggested a good project might be to take the <sup>area</sup> adjacent to the water, buy property, & take the existing house down to make a parking lot. Mr. Bunker said he thought that's a good idea. Mr. Tilton said he could also use the money for getting access to Taylor River. Mr. Joyce said it

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doesn't matter where they locate the recreational area, but he's getting bothered by residents having to pay fees for everything. Miss Petillo asked how they would keep the area from being commercialized. Mr. Joyce said it would be Town-owned & will require stickers from the Town. He said they have until October 19 to write a proposal.

Ice Pond - Mr. Joyce said a paper was marked up & given to Peg Lawrence, who gave it to the Selectmen. Mr. Bunker said he heard the selectmen are waiting on the commission. The land was deeded, but had to be accepted.

Mr. Joyce said they'd stated no recreational activities would be allowed on it, & the commission's concern was about ice skating, etc. He said he thinks Seth Junkins brought it to the Selectmen, who gave a copy to Mrs. Lawrence.

Public Notice on Dumping - Mr. Bunker said he read a public notice about dumping in another Town in the newspaper. It said that the conservation commission is interested in keeping the environment clean. He said someone should be notified if they saw violations.

Miss Petillo volunteered to write a similar news release for Hampton. Mr. Tilton said it might be a good idea to write one twice a year.

Treasurer's Report Mr. Bunker said Bill Dennett reported the commission has \$361,178.67 in the bank, \$350,000 of which is to be deposited for the Perkins property.

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Extension of Option - Leston Perkins <sup>THS</sup> may extend <sup>B</sup> his option to sell until November 1, 1990. It had been extended to August 1, 1990. ~~At that time, the buyer will deposit \$350,000 and the interest accruing on it.~~

N.H. Wetlands Protection Ordinance - Mr. Bunker passed out the minutes of the July 14, 1990 meeting.

*SOME NOTES*

Title for Perkins Land - Mr. Bunker said there were 2 lots that the engineers didn't do work on, & it would cost several thousand dollars for them to do it. He said the deeds in the Perkins family were insufficient to give a good title.

Mr. Tilton asked if Mr. Perkins could give those as a gift. Mr. Joyce asked what engineering work was necessary & whether a lawyer couldn't do that work rather than an engineer.

Mr. Bunker said engineer Richard Millette gave an estimate of \$1040 to do ~~just the title work in 4 days.~~ *THE MIN. WORK NECESSARY FOR THE TOWN'S ADV* The complete engineering work, which would take 5 weeks, would cost \$4920.

Mr. Bunker moved for Mr. Millette to complete the work needed for a good title to the Perkins property. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion, which was voted unanimously in favor.

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Town-owned Land - Miss Petillo said she wished there could be maps of Town-owned areas in Hampton, but she said she didn't know how the information could be obtained. Mr. Joyce said former commission member Claire Dumaine started the project. She had talked to someone in the assessor's office and got a computer printout from the tax rolls. From there, the commission was going to identify Town lands & then would try to map them. He said he wasn't sure if Mrs. Dumaine still had the printout. Mr. Tilton said any map made should be combined with a historic geographic reference. Mr. Bunker said a wetlands map would be available through the Audubon Society. Mr. Joyce said he sometimes gets calls from someone who wants to walk an area which is open access, but has "no trespassing" signs posted on it. He said the commission has no information on who posts the signs.

Minutes - Mr. Tilton moved to accept the minutes of the July 24, 1990 meeting as corrected. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion, which was voted unanimously in favor.

Adjournment - The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Maureen Cummings

Secretary