

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 22, 1991

Members Present: Stephen Joyce, Chairman  
Peter Tilton, Jr.  
Rev. Robert Golledge  
James Clifford  
Alternate Vivianne Marcotte  
Alternate Michelle Petillo

Timberland Company - Merrifill Industrial Drive

Application for fill permit. Keven McCarthy & David Knowles, representing Timberland Company, were present with engineer Richard Millette to propose adding 76,000 sf of warehouse space. Mr. Millette said they have to cross the wetland to make that addition. He said the second wetland line is at the extreme rear of the property. The permit is to cross 45,000 sf of wetland to construct the bulk of the building and paved loading area. He said they've produced a combination area that has become a pond. The Town requires a design for 50-year-storm. He said they limited the outflow to a 10-year-storm. The pond holding area would fill up under the influence of the 50-year-storm. He said it would be metered out, but the outflow was limited to a 10-year storm.

He said they're mitigating almost 42,000 sf. They said Frank Richardson of the state wetlands was pleased because they were filling 45,000 sf and mitigating 42,000 sf (almost all of it). Mr. Millette said they filed 2 applications. One is a special permit application which they made to the Planning Board.

Mr. Joyce said he & Mr. Tilton walked the site, but didn't see any wet areas since everything was frozen. Mr. Tilton said he looked for wildlife use, but saw less than he thought he would. He said he likes the idea of the 10-year-storm because he doesn't like to see water coming in faster than necessary. Mr. Millette said the water will be metered through a culvert drainage treatment swail. He said they'll be going to the Planning Board with the proposal on February 6.

Mr. Joyce said this proposal was similar to one off Timber Swamp Rd owned by Frank DeFreze. Mr. Tilton said Mr. DeFreze didn't offer mitigation.

Mr. McCarthy said he's been on the site a lot, and has noticed only fox and rabbit tracks. He said the cover for wildlife has disappeared.

Mr. Tilton said the site will look more like a wetland.

Mr. Tilton moved to not oppose the state wetlands application, as long as the mitigation is carried out as per plan. Miss Petillo seconded the motion, which *carried* was 6-0 in favor.

Mr. Clifford asked if this would be the final development by the Timberland Company. Mr. Knowles said he didn't think they have much more space. Mr. McCarthy said this would be replacing a warehouse in Portsmouth. He said he didn't foresee anything else on the site. Mr.

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Clifford said he had no problems as long as they will mitigate 42,000 sf. M

Mr. Tilton moved to not oppose the special permit application for the same project. Mrs. Marcotte seconded the motion which passed unanimously 6-0.

Leavitt property - The Chairman read a letter from Town Counsel Seth Junkins, who wrote that there was a vote at the last Town Meeting that a public hearing must be held before non-monetary gifts are accepted. Mr. Joyce said the commission should walk the property.

Nature Conservancy- Mr. Joyce said the nature conservancy wants to work with the commission's protection agreement. He said they identified several places in Hampton which have rare species and natural communities. The conservancy wants to find out if anyone is ~~planning~~ or transferring land. Mr. Tilton said the conservancy is nationally known and is reputable.

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Next Meeting - The chairman announced that the next meeting will be held Monday, February 11.

Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Maureen Cummings  
Secretary