

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 23, 1991

Members Present: James Clifford, Co-Chairman
Michelle Petillo, Co-Chairman
Peter Tilton, Jr.
A. Reid Bunker, Jr.
Vivianne Marcotte
Alberta True
Rev.

Mr. Tilton (who had been acting chairman), called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Bob Lemire - High St. Mr. Tilton said Mr. Lemire's fine would be suspended as long as he restores the property the way it was ~~previously~~ before the fill went in. His fine was for \$600.

Dept. of Resource and Economic Development - The State of N.H. was given a dredge and fill permit to fix steps, and part of the sea wall.

Ernest Cory, Nashua - Dredge and fill application for 4 Bittersweet Lane. Mr. Cory said he has brick and cement steps that he wants to replace, but is in the 100 ft. buffer. He lives off Brown Ave. behind the fire station. Mr. Tilton said there's a pocket of 50 feet of marsh. He said he intervened so that the commission could discuss it. He said it's on the same footprint. The proposed total is 24 \$f. Mr. Bunker said he's not concerned about the steps and Rev. Gollidge said he saw no problem. Mr. Tilton said he would write that the commission is not concerned.

Lapsed Application - Mr. Tilton said the commission walked the Aruwade property two years ago. He said he thought the commission commented on how the detention pond should be, but approved it. They're just refilling it, he said. Mr. Clifford said the commission didn't have much say about the 32-lot subdivision, but were only called about the retention pond.

Intervention Period - The period the commission has to intervene after seeing an application has been increased from 10 days to 14 days, said Mr. Tilton.

Report on Tsatsios' addition- said the addition is on the existing cottage. He said the Wetlands Board went along with the commission's recommendation for 10 pilings.

Michael Holland- Mr. Tilton said the commission opposed the application. He said there is no known septic and the placement of pilings are difficult without disturbing the salt marsh. The property is for sale. The Wetlands Board denied the permit.

Grant Offered - The Greater Portsmouth Community Foundation is offering a grant from Alex Schulman's fund. *Rev. Tilton* We said The application has to be in before August 15, 1991.

Mace Property Public Hearing - Mr. Tilton said he spoke to Mr. Mace and Mr. Mercier about the 10 ^{8/2} acres to be purchased. Rev. Gollidge asked about the North Hampton piece of the property. Mr. Tilton said that's what this public hearing was about, but no one was present

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except the commission members. Mr. Bunker said he spoke to Town Counsel Seth Junkins, who will give the commission the option agreement for the seller to sign. He said they should have time to have the property checked by Shevenelle-Gallen for hazardous waste. It will have a \$4000 purchase price. The commission will put \$500 down.

Rev. Gollidge moved to amend the original proposal for a \$200 deposit to a \$500 deposit. Mrs. Petillo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Bunker said they will have a 60-day option period, and 30 days to close. Mr. Clifford said gates have been placed on the property. *County Case*

LeBlanc Property - Mr. Bunker said the owner of the 3-4 acres behind the Wave Motel is willing to give a conservation easement. With an easement, no engineering is required. Atty. Junkins said it would cost about \$150. He said Mr. LeBlanc is aware that this won't decrease his taxes, but he'd like the property to stay as it is.

Mr. Bunker said one of the commission's duties is to make sure the conservation areas are monitored, and aren't filled or developed. The commission needs to know where the LeBlanc easement stops and starts.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Bunker said the commission's balance as of July 10, 1991 was \$8,725.21.

Swall Grass, - Mr. Clifford asked what the rule is about cutting swail grass, since he said someone on High St. was manually cutting it. Mr. Bunker said he thinks it can be cut manually. Mr. Tilton said he wondered how that differs from marsh haying.

Dorothy Ellison - Mr. Bunker said Mrs. Ellison wants to donate 5 acres of marshland bordering Taylor River or Hampton River. He said she was going to send a map. If the commission can't identify where the land is located, they shouldn't take it, he said. He said he would follow up on it.

Election of Officers - Mr. Tilton said Mr. Bunker has moved out of Town, but his term is not up until 1992. Mr. Clifford accepted a one-year appointment as co-chairman. Mr. Tilton said one of the co-chairmen will have to take the correspondence.

Rev. Gollidge moved to elect Mr. Clifford and Ms. Petillo as co-chairmen until the spring of 1992. Mrs. Marcotte seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Clifford said he'd like to start posting the commission meeting agendas in the Town office. He said he'd also like the members to all have business cards identifying them as commission members. Mr. Tilton said Stephen Joyce, former commission chairman, may still have some cards.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held August 27.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Maureen Cummings, Secretary