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Supervisor*

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
November 26, 1991

*Ellen Fadden  
Jay Wideman*

Members Present: James Clifford, Co-Chairman  
Michelle Petillo, Co-Chairman  
Peter Tilton, Jr.  
A. Reid Bunker, Jr.  
Richard True  
Rev. Robert Golledge

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*reg. expenses on  
surveying Miss. Salary*

Minutes - Mr. Bunker moved to accept the minutes of October 28 as corrected. Rev. Golledge seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Wetlands Board Deadline - Mr. Clifford said the conservation commission has 14 days to ~~make a recommendation~~ on applications. He said the Wetlands Board approved the Kelly, Marshall and Mercier applications, stating that the commission had no comment, even though Miss Petillo mailed in the commission review.

Miss Petillo said she hadn't been addressing the review to anyone in particular. She said she will now send them to Dulbert Downing. Mr. Clifford said the commission is missing out on getting their opinion into the state because they've missed the deadline on these applications by a few days each.

Miss Petillo said she doesn't always get the application until a few days before it's due.

101 Widening Project - Mr. Clifford said the state sent a written report about what buildings will be taken down to widen the highway. He said there will be no ramifications to Hampton, since only the most western part of Hampton, which borders Exeter, will be affected. Mr. Tilton said the widening project is being done by sections. Mr. Bunker said the widening will go through no matter what happens now. Mr. Clifford said the report was informational, and needs no reply from the commission.

Tax Abaters <sup>ments</sup> - Mr. Bunker said the issue of unpaid taxes on properties purchased or given to the Town has come up 4 times. He said when the Mace Property deal was closed, the unpaid taxes weren't <sup>discussed</sup>. He said the Selectmen decided to pay \$106 on the Mace Property. Town Counsel Seth Junkins will write the former landowner telling them they owe taxes.

The Ellison property had an unpaid balance of \$8.55, which the Selectmen agreed to abate.

Mr. Bunker said the Selectmen requested that for future gifts of land to the Town, the commission should present detail on the land's assessed value and taxes. He said when the Ellison property was brought before the Selectmen, the taxes weren't mentioned. In the future, the taxes should be addressed, and the Selectmen will decide whether to have the former owners pay the taxes or give them abatements.

September, 1989 Minutes - Mr. Bunker said Selectman Arthur Moody requested the commission minutes from September, 1989.

Arthur Dreigh, Hobson Ave. - Miss Petillo said the application concerned an already existing deck. She said there was nothing terribly wrong with it, and she sent a letter stating the

commission had no objections. She said the commission received 3 new applications:

Reginald Jakes proposed replacing an old rotted deck and adding on a new deck at Glade Path Road. Miss Petillo said she would look at it herself, and would contact the other commission members if she thought it needed to be checked out. The applicant will be adding about 7 feet to what's existing.

Karen Green, 601 Ocean Blvd. - Miss Petillo said the applicant is squaring off part of an existing building. The distance from the marsh to the building is 50 feet. Mr. Tilton said it appeared to be in a yard, rather than in a marsh. He said he had no objections as long as it's in the yard. Mr. Clifford said he thinks it's very close to the marsh and should be checked out. A site walk was scheduled for November 29.

Question on Permit - Mr. Bunker said there's a new building near the marsh. Mr. Clifford said he didn't remember seeing an application for it. Mr. Tilton suggested asking Building Inspector Ray Hutchinson if the owner received a building permit.

John George - 487 Winnacunnet Rd. - Miss Petillo said Mr. George is adding a family room, with a storage room below. A site walk was scheduled for November 29.

Bill from N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions - Miss Petillo said the commission owes \$494.00 in dues to the association. Mr. Tilton said the association does a lot of lobbying for conservation-related bills. Mr. Tilton moved that the commission pay the dues. Mr. True seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Salem Conservation Commission - Miss Petillo said that commission oversees a 179-acre parcel of forest land off Rt. 111. The Salem commission wanted to know how other municipalities govern open land.

Town of Hampton Dump Proposal - Miss Petillo said there was much landfilling and it's the proposed site of the transfer station. Mr. Tilton said that shouldn't be a problem. Tide Mill Rd. is already impacted by the dump. Miss Petillo said 1300 sf will be filled, and it might be a good idea to look at it as a group. Mr. Bunker agreed, adding the commission should respond to the proposal. A site walk was scheduled for December 6.

Co-Chairman Resigning - Miss Petillo said she would be resigning as the commission's co-Chairman effective January 1. She said she felt she wasn't able to give her duties the time and effort they deserve. Mr. Tilton said she did as well as anyone has in the last five years. Mr. Bunker said the commission will miss her and that she's well-organized. Miss Petillo said she'd like

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to remain on the commission, but was unsure if she could.

Thank You - Carolyn Brewster sent the commission a thank you letter for the flowers given to her for her retirement.

Coastal Program Grant - Mr. Tilton said if the commission has projects in the coastal zone, there's a good chance it could receive state funds. He said the requirement is that the project has to be a certain distance away from tidal influence.

Future Commission Actions - Mr. Clifford said the commission must take immediate action to deal with Miss Petillo's resignation. He said he was arranging site walks and Miss Petillo had been doing the paperwork. Mr. Tilton asked Miss Petillo if she'd consider staying on if the workload were spread out. Miss Petillo said she can't take the time to write letters, etc. Mr. Tilton said he would take responsibility for state interventions and applications.

Mr. Clifford said anyone chairing the commission should have training in what needs to be done, in order for the group to be a good working body. She said she didn't know how other commissions did it. He said he thought the co-chairmen idea would make it easier, but there was still confusion over what needed to be done. Mr. Clifford said if the commission met bi-monthly, they'll need alternates. Mr. Tilton said they could have worksessions.

Mr. Bunker said the projects the commission could be doing are endless. Mr. Tilton said probably only about 25% of commissions in the state really have the time and money to do projects. He said the Hampton Commission is getting more credence from other boards.

Mr. Bunker said with the current land value, the commission could be managing some good acquisitions.

Mr. Tilton said he would take care of applications for now.

Mr. Bunker said the commission could meet bi-weekly and brainstorm. He also suggested asking for Selectwoman Woolsey's input. A special meeting was scheduled for December 11 at 7 p.m.

Access to the Perkins Property - Mr. Clifford said the keys to the Perkins property are floating. Rev. Colledge said if there is a gate, the keys should be tightened up. Mr. Bunker said the commission should send a letter to the Town Clerk stating that only commission members and land owners should have the keys. Mr. Clifford said Jonty's Lane is public property. He said Public Service put the gates in, but there's no stipulation that they're not for public access.

Next Regular Meeting - The next regular meeting will be held December 17 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment - Mr. Bunker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mrs. True seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Maureen Cummings  
Secretary