

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 25, 1992

Members Present: A. Reid Bunker, Jr.
Rev. Robert Gollledge
Vivianne Marcotte
Peter Tilton, Jr.
Sheila Nudd
Dave Weber

Mr. Bunker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

John George Mr. Bunker said Mr. George applied to construct a 16' x 14' family room and deck to replace the existing deck. The property is in the tidal buffer zone. The application was approved.

Eugene Brune - 19 Garland St. Intervention for work in the basement and footing for deck is requested. The property is adjacent to the salt water of Mill Creek. The commission set up a site walk for February 29 at 7 a.m.

Landing Road Culvert - Mr. Tilton said the Department of Public Works would be installing a culvert in the existing channel by installing metal pipes. Mr. Tilton said in order to repair the road, they have to repair the culverts in the tidal area.

Mr. Bunker said the repair work needs to be done and the commission won't intervene.

Mr. Tilton moved that the commission not oppose the application, with the stipulation that measures be taken to prevent damage from the salt marsh from erosion due to water coming out of the culvert. Rev. Gollledge seconded the petition, which passed unanimously.

Ocean Boulevard - Jo Billy Brown's Park - Bicentennial Park

Seawall and dune repair. Mrs. Marcotte said there was storm damage in Plaice Cove.

Peter Tilton, Sr. said originally, Plaice Cove was all dunes before the parking lot was put in. When the Town had two storms, the Halloween, '91 storm eroded everything and washed the section next to the Marcottes away and cut out gulleys and lowered the grade of the dunes in those sections. He said he suggested putting in field stone. He said he and John Hangen took excess sand from Concord Ave. and built it up 4 or 5 feet high, preventing people from walking over it. John Hangen, DPW Director, is now proposing to build a wooden walkway in sections and restore the dune up to natural grade. They will build a wooden platform similar to the one at Plum Island. They will also replace some of the shrubs that were taken. The wooden boardwalk can be made again if another storm throws it around.

Mrs. Marcotte said she thinks it's a wonderful idea, but she questions the idea of the wall. She said there are boulders and in some spots it's 5 feet high. Mr. Tilton, Jr. said if another storm had come, it might have taken the dunes. Mrs. Marcotte said she didn't think it had been an emergency, and they should have gone to the wetlands board like everybody else. She said she thinks it will look fine, but it's disturbing the natural flow of things. The more the shoreline is altered, the more problems

will result. She said she thinks seagrass and the walkway are great ideas, but asked where the Town will get the money.

John Hangen said they are already in the process of getting paid through FEMA. He said they're going for grant money for a breakwater at Plaice Cove. He said FEMA always leaves him with a positive response. He said residents and the DPW would like to see a breakwater. He said they have a breakwater of sorts there now, but are proposing a high foundation of rocks.

Jo Billy Park - Mr. Hangen said he needs to find an agency to give grant money and an engineering firm that will provide a preliminary drawing and will convince the government that it's a good idea.

Mrs. Marcotte said a study was done years ago to do something there. Mr. Tilton, Sr. said after the Blizzard of '78, they talked about something.

Mr. Tilton, Jr. asked if they contacted the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Hangen said he hadn't yet. He wanted to find out if the grant money is available first.

Concord Ave. - Mr. Hangen said the sand always moved in the direction of the prevailing wind. He said he thought they could replant dunes, put a walkway in and try to preserve the sand so they can restore the dune. He said he met with FEMA, and they thought it was a good idea. Mr. Tilton, Sr. said if they lengthened the dunes and stabilized them it would help.

Bicentennial Park - Mr. Hangen said there was a seawall there but during the last storm, the concrete broke away from the seawall and the wall had a break in it. He said he'd like to join the wall together. There is sand on both sides.

Culvert - Landing Rd. - Mr. Tilton, Jr. mentioned that they might put rocks in to prevent erosion. Mr. Hangen said that was a good idea. Mrs. Nudd asked who would oversee the project. Mr. Bunker said Dori Wiggin will probably be in charge of the restoration project. Mrs. Nudd asked if there are any coastal experts. Mr. Hangen said there's no money for coastal experts, but Frank Richardson will be going on inspection with him. Mr. Bunker said the commission can be as involved as it wants. Mrs. Nudd said there are other Towns who have done something like this. She said she would call Scituate, MA. to find out what they did. Mr. Hangen said they're submitting an application for approval, but if they don't order the grass very soon, it won't be on this year's supply.

Jo Billy Brown Park - Mr. Hangen said they're proposing to put in a walkway, as Mr. Tilton, Sr. had explained. Mrs. Nudd said the commission should recognize that this is not restoration, but an attempt to protect what's there. Mrs. Marcotte said as a board, the commission should monitor the projects.

Mrs. Marcotte moved that the commission not oppose the application. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion, which passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Mrs. Marcotte).

Mr. Tilton said he would add to the letter to the state

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wetlands board that "The commission will monitor the erosion prevention effort."

Storm Repairs - Mr. Bunker said the commission had no objection to waiving the 14-day notification to allow DRED to go ahead with the storm repair of pilings at Hampton Harbour, and drainage repair at Hampton Beach State Park.

Treasurer's Statement - Mr. Bunker said according to the Treasurer's last statement, the commission has \$4713.70 in its account.

Workshop - Mr. Tilton said that Mary Power left a message that on March 5 at 8 p.m., there will be a workshop about the new wetlands definition from the federal government. The workshop will be held at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth. Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Nudd both said they would go.

Minutes - Rev. Golledge moved to accept the minutes of January 28, 1992 as corrected. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Blacksmith Shop - Mr. Tilton said he and Mr. Weber would try to move the Blacksmith Shop. He said they went through the shop and took a site walk to find out about habitat improvement. He said he would keep parts of it open. He said they could put it on a warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

Mrs. Nudd said someone from the Shade Tree Commission said a disease-resistant elm tree is being offered, with Towns being allocated a certain number of trees depending on their populations. Hampton could be allocated 400 trees. The Perkins property would be a good place to plant them, and the commission could derive income from selling trees. Mrs. Nudd said she would talk to the Shade Tree commission. She said she also knows youngsters would be interested in community service on the property.

Mr. Tilton said it needs to be cleaned up and the floor should be refinished before the commission met there. He said the commission needs someone else to organize a victory garden. He suggested putting an ad in the paper to get the victory garden going. Mrs. Nudd said she would draft a letter and have the commission review it.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held March 24.

Terms Ending - Mr. Bunker said his term is up in March, as well as Rev. Golledge's, Mr. Tilton's and Mr. Weber's. Rev. Golledge, Mr. Bunker and Mr. Tilton said they would like to stay on. He said a new sheet showing when members' terms are over is needed.

Mr. Bunker said he's not sure if Miss Petillo is staying on the commission.

Mr. Tilton said Mr. Clifford could write the Selectmen a letter stating that Rev. Golledge, Mr. Tilton and Mr. Bunker want to stay on the commission.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Maureen Cummings, Secretary