

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

February 23, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker, at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Vivianne Marcotte, Sheila Nudd, Peter Tilton and Dave Weber.

The Minutes of January 26, 1993 were approved with one correction being to correct the title from Committee to Commission. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. Nudd. All were in favor.

### Wetlands Applications

Philip Palmer Trust  
34-46 Highland Ave.

Mr. Rafferty, from Philip Palmer Trust, addressed the Commission. The trust owns the land and the residents own the dwellings. Mr. Rafferty had photos of the areas they wished to improve on. He would like to install a timber retaining wall in back by the porch. Mr. Rafferty also showed a blueprint of the saltmarsh area: 1) clean drain swail - 75 ft.; 2) install drainage pipes; 3) regrade drainage and fill with stone.

Ms. Nudd stated that after seeing the area during a site walk, it was impossible to view the land adequately due to ice and snow. She would like to wait till Spring to see the tide line and also to bring a representative from the Town. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Marcotte agreed with Ms. Nudd regarding inspecting land this time of year.

Ms. Nudd asked if there were many problems caused by the tide. Mr. Rafferty stated that a new tide wall gate would help. Mr. Tilton asked if the tide gate worked every high tide. Mr. Rafferty said the present tide gate does not work as it should.

Mr. Rafferty stated he would be willing to wait till Spring for another site walk. He will submit a letter to the Wetlands Board asking for an extension of 30 days. The site walk has been tentatively scheduled for March 21, 1993.

Ms. Nudd motioned to postpone our decision till Spring, seconded by Ms. Marcotte. All were in favor.

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Dennis & Jacquesline McCarthy  
5 Garland Road

A site walk was held on this application last Sunday. A discussion ensued on the results of the site walk.

A fair amount of discussion took place on this application, primarily due to the location of this property being in a high profile saltwater marsh area. A motion was made by Mr. Tilton to oppose to any building expansion beyond the historic footprint of the building. Mr. Weber seconded. All were in favor.

Jean H. Dearborn of Kennsington, N.H. presented the Town of Hampton with a gift of three acres of marshland. Mr. Bunker read the letter written by Ms. Dearborn. This land was being donated in memory of Mr. Wilbur S. Drew (Mrs. Jean Dearborn's father-in-law). The property is located in the northwest part of the Town; however, the exact bounds are not known. Ms. Nudd will write a thank you note.

Ms. Nudd gave an update on conservation easements/acquisitions. She informed the Commissioners that Mr. Clifford made contact with Mr. Johnson and he may be interested in donating land to the Town.

Mr. Bunker stated he had spoken with several people from the Forest Society and both the Land Planning Seminar and Conservation Camp Program were highly praised. Mr. Bunker sent information on both programs to Roberta Neuman, Principal of Winnacunnet High School, to see if there is interest from any of the students to attend the Camp. Ms. Nudd asked how much it would cost for both the Seminar and the Camp. Mr. Bunker stated that it would cost \$275 per person for the Camp and \$250 per person for the Seminar. The Seminar registration is by April 4th and the Camp is by June first. It was felt that the Commission should perhaps offer partial payment of the tuition and the student should fund a portion.

Mr. Tilton reported on the septic tank system violation. He inspected the area and did not find anything wrong. If the Commission wants to investigate further, it should contact the Town Manager or Building Inspector.

Mr. Bunker distributed the Conservation Commission Handbooks to the Commissioners who had requested them

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Mr. Bunker reminded the Commissioners (Mr. Weber & Mr. Clifford) to submit a short letter of intent to stay on as a Commissioner as their terms expire next month and the Selectmen's Office should be advised.

New Business

Ms. Nudd wrote a formal letter to Mr. Bunker regarding site walks in the winter and specifically when there is a lot of snow covering the site being viewed. Mr. Bunker read the letter to the Commissioners.

Mr. Bunker read Ms. Nudd's letter that she composed to the people of the Town of Hampton to be published in paper. This article is to inform the community of what the Commission is all about. The consensus was to do a quarterly article.

Mr. Bunker shared an article on mosquito controls. Mr. Weber will follow up on the article.

Mr. Bunker read a letter from the Wetlands Board, denying the application regarding Bronislawa, to fill 9,634 sq. ft.

Mr. Tilton attended the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Meeting held at Seabrook Town Hall. Mr. Tilton gave a brief overview of the meeting and a copy of his report will be sent to each of the Commissioners.

The next Conservation Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners should also remember to mark their calendar for a site walk on Sunday, March 21, 1993.

Ms. Nudd motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Weber. All in favor to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi  
Secretary