

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 22, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Peg Lawrence, attending on behalf of Jim Clifford, Vivianne Marcotte, Sheila Nudd, Peter Tilton, Jr., Alberta True and David Weber. Bonnie Thimble and Irene Palmer sat in as Alternate Members. OK

The Minutes of February 22, 1994 were reviewed. Ms. Marcotte motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. Nudd. All were in favor. A question was raised later on in the meeting regarding the approved and pending status of wetland applications on Lawrence, Nor East Realty, Bouchard and Phillips which Mr. Bunker will look into and report back to the Commission.

The February 10th Special Public Hearing Meeting was amended and posted.

Projects/Committees

Re-Draft of Town Wetlands Ordinance

Mr. Bunker stated that the re-draft of the Town Wetlands Ordinance needs to get underway. Ms. Marcotte and Ms. Nudd brought some information to the meeting regarding State Ordinance. At the last meeting Mr. Tilton stated his willingness to work with the group in re-drafting the Ordinance. Mr. Tilton suggested getting started with the project at this meeting. He stated part of the problem is building roads without concern by the Zoning Board or Conservation Commission across poorly drained soils. Perhaps the Commission could change that. Mr. Bunker stated the Commission needs to refer to Soils Maps which depict the more severe application of soil types. The Commission may need to get updated soils maps. Ms. Marcotte stated the new ones will be coming out in another month or so. Mr. Bunker stated the Ordinance change for a 50 ft. wetland buffer was approved at Town Meeting. Ms. Marcotte stated she would like to see lots developed that do not include any wetland or buffer area. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tilton stated that people can't be denied in purchasing land with wetlands. Mr. Weber stated that perhaps we can extend the buffer to 75 ft. so that the lots will not contain the wetlands. Ms. Nudd stated to adopt ordinances which are similar to the State and stick to those guidelines. A discussion ensued. The public should be made more aware of what they have to work with when they buy a lot and be made more aware of the buffer and that nothing can be built on the buffer. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tilton stated the two most important points to be determined are getting in line with the State soil map and determining if there is leeway for onsite inspections. A discussion ensued.

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Mr. Bunker suggested over the next 30 days the Commissioners look at pages 8, 9, and 10 up to 2.3.4 buffer provisions of the wetland ordinance for recommended changes. These changes can then be reviewed at the end of the next meeting in April.

Commission By-Laws Drafted

Mr. Bunker asked if the Commission ever had By-Laws. Ms. Lawrence stated she didn't think so. Mr. Tilton stated that includes how we operate a meeting, a quorum, etc. Mr. Bunker stated the Commission should and he will take a look into a suggested format.

Land Acquisition/Easement

Mr. Bunker asked Ms. Nudd if there was anything new in the acquisition/easements. Ms. Nudd responded there was not anything new. Mr. Bunker stated we must try and expand where we are now to some degree because there is potential for growth and development. Mr. Bunker stated we should try to think of potential parcels of land to enhance our already owned land thru possible conservation easements.

Victory Garden

Ms. Nudd gave an update on the Victory Garden. The Court was looking for projects for Community Service and the Garden had used volunteers before and that worked out very well. If the new 12 lots are put in, there will be a need to burn that area, a tree to come down, and going straight back another 45 ft. There is 60 ft. of fencing now and more will be needed. Mr. Bunker stated perhaps putting an advertisement out to the Town asking for donations for fencing for the Victory Garden. Mr. Bunker stated that the access to the Garden needs better protection from intruders than just the temporary barriers that were laid down such as rocks or a gate. Ms. Nudd brought this to the attention of the Selectmen last year. However, they never got back to Ms. Nudd with a final decision. Mr. Bunker and Ms. Nudd will go to the Selectmen and bring this issue to them again. Mr. Weber offered to cut the tree down.

Publicity

Ms. Nudd prepared a Hampton Conservation Bulletin. The Bulletin was fine with the exception of one correction. This article will be offered to several local newspapers for publication (attended to by Mr. Bunker). Future publications are planned.

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OLD BUSINESS

Re-Appointments of Ms. Marcotte & Ms. True

Mr. Bunker reported that the re-appointments of Vivianne Marcotte and Alberta True to the Commission will be considered by the Selectmen sometime in March by the new Board.

Marsh Conservation Marker

There was a short discussion regarding the marsh conservation marker and Peg Lawrence will continue to research the cost to replace the plaque.

Pending Wetland Application 1993

Mr. Bunker reported he had checked with Dori Wiggin's Office and the Hampton Public Works, N.H. Dept. of Transportation and Phillip Palmer Trust application from 1993 are still being worked on by Frank Richardson.

NEW BUSINESS

Model Shoreland Protection Ordinance

Mr. Bunker reported he had received a "Model Shoreland Protection Ordinance" from the Office State Planning in Concord. Perhaps our Commission can review this for future use in Hampton after we get our revised Wetland Ordinance in place.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Bunker reported on the balance in the Conservation Deposit Account totaling \$6,300.08 as of 2/28/94.

Mr. Bunker reported on the Conservation Commission's actual vs. budgeted expenses in 1993.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business discussed included the following:

Ms. Marcotte reported she had met with the Building Inspector saying that our Commission would be happy to work with wetland applicants during the process. A wetland application and suggested commission report form was provided to the group for discussion.

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Mr. Bunker reported that Howard Gilbert had called inquiring about taking the abandoned autos in 12 Shares. Mr. Bunker referred him to the D.P.W. Director and cautioned that these vehicles may well be on private property.

The Commission asked Mr. Bunker to inquire with Town's Legal Counsel on a few issues after clearing the inquiry first with the Selectmen.

Mr. Bunker reported on Wetland Board actions to approve applications to D.P.W. Builders and Dean Savastano; denial to James Rush and Eugene Brune; a fine waiver to Bob Lemire and a complaint to Hett (Nor-East Realty Trust) for dumping fill in a tidal buffer zone.

Ms. Nudd provided the Commission with a copy of a letter to the editor from the Hampton Residents for Responsible Development regarding the Oakes project.

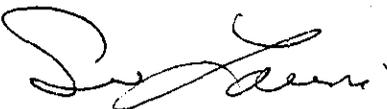
Mr. Bunker discussed and distributed materials regarding up-coming conservation related seminars, summer camps and news bulletins.

A gentlemen from the audience spoke informally with the Commission regarding the Wetlands Board Hearing on the Oakes project held today in Concord.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed on unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. and a tentative site walk planned for Saturday, April 23, 1994 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi, Secretary

The Conservation Commission Minutes of February 22, 1994, had some inaccurate information regarding approved and pending wetland applications:

Margaret Lawrence was stated as having an approved application which in fact is still pending.

Ken Bouchard was stated as a pending application but in fact was approved in 5/93.

The Commission's apology for this mis-information.

To The Commissioners:

I've posted the above correction. The Nor' East (Hett) application was approved 1/11/94 and Richard Phillips was approved 11/23/93.

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