

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

July 23, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Vivianne Marcotte, Chairperson, at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Dan Gangai, Peter Tilton, Jr., Alberta True and Dave Weber. Alternates attending were Ellen Goethel, sitting in for Betty Callanan, and Peter Kowalski, sitting in for Bonnie Thimble, and Ken Sheffert.

The Minutes of June 25, 1996 were reviewed. Ms. Goethel motioned to amend Paragraph 1 of Page 2 seconded by Mr. Tilton. A short discussion ensued regarding Ms. Goethel's conversation with the Hampton Union. Mr. Tilton motioned to accept the amended Paragraph, seconded by Mr. Sheffert. All were in favor.

Wetlands Board Actions:

Merco Realty Trust - application accepted.
Carl School - \$2,000 fine waived.
Northern Utilities - approved request.
Beachview Realty Trust - approved request.

New & Old Business:

Seacoast Health Center - Planning Board

The Commission reviewed the plans for this proposed Alzheimers Care Facility.

This project is neither in wetlands or their buffers nor in a flood plain. The only concern the Commission has is the drainage since this lies within the aquifer protection zone. The proposed Hancock Groundwater Recharge System should adequately contain the surface water runoff within the zone. The Commission has no concerns with the proposal. Mr. Gangai motioned not to oppose the application seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor. A letter will be sent to the Planning Board.

Leon Sicard - Planning Board

The Commission reviewed this proposal as presented to Ms. Marcotte on Map 3834-2 dated 2/22/84. Although the paving will be within the buffer zone, the Commission feels that this will in no way negatively impact the already degraded wetlands of this area.

It is the consensus of the Commission that a Special Permit is needed and suggested the following recommendations:

- 1) The Conservation Commission be notified prior to commencement of the work and upon its completion; and,
- 2) Care should be taken not to disturb the buffer line of bushes and trees.

New & Old Business (Continued):

Ms. Marcotte stated that the Wetlands Board as it is known now will be extinct as of August 9, 1996. Workshops are being offered on the new organizational changes to the DES Wetland Bureau and the new law which changed the Wetlands Board to the Wetlands Council, the new applications form on the new Wetlands Bureau Rules changes. The Commission discussed a time to attend one of the sessions being offered. It was decided to attend the session on August 14, 1996.

Ms. Marcotte will meet with Ms. Carol Pyzant of the Planning Board regarding Conservation Definitions.

Ms. Marcotte read a letter sent to the Planning Board from Gove Environmental regarding Wetland Regulations. A discussion ensued regarding this letter. Ms. Goethel stated to keep the same definitions and deliniations. A discussion also ensued on Prime Wetlands (mapping). Ms. Goethel will call the Office of State Planning to inquire about a grant to put the wetland map on the computer.

Ms. Marcotte read several projects for CIP. (Saltmarsh Restoration) A letter was sent to Lisa Wenger, Hampton Falls Conservation Committee, regarding a the Salt Marsh Restoration Project. During the field investigation, it was discovered that the second dredge site was actually in Hampton Falls. We are asking the co-operation of Hampton Falls Conservation Commission to apply for the wetland permit and contract with Hampton to do the work. We have the funds and labor to accomplish this task.

Projects:

Speaking for Ms. Thimble, Ms. Marcotte stated that Ms. Thimble will try to reach the new Manager of Shop 'N Save regarding dedication of garden in Mike Robidas' name. The gardens are doing very well.

Mr. Ganagi is in process of investigating the sound equipment for the Conservation Commission slot on Hampton Cable. He will speak to Mr. Bill Cross next.

Ms. Marcotte stated she will attend a meeting on August 10, 1996 with the James House Association, Town Officials and the Recreation Dept. to walk the area. Several ideas on the use of the land are to be discussed. A short discussion ensued.

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Projects: (continued)

Mr. Gangai gave a brief update on the meeting he attended with Bonnie Searle and Randy Noyes regarding recycling.

Mr. Gangai will attend a Lawn Care Lecture on Thursday, July 25, 1996.

Ms. Goethel will again contact the Hampton Union and other area newspapers regarding putting in educational articles from the Commission.

Bulletins and news articles were highlighted.

Ms. Marcotte stated that the Hampton Garden Club planted rosa Regosa by the conservation memorial plaque.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Launi stated that there is \$14,048.74 in the account.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Room. the site walk will be held on Monday, August 26, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Parking Lot.

Mr. Weber motioned to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary