

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 26, 1998

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The Minutes of April 28, 1998 were reviewed. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections noted. This was seconded by Mr. Weber. All were in favor.

State of NH Wetlands Applications/Special Permit App.

A. Clearwater Realty Trust
587 Ocean Blvd

A site walk was done. Mr. Alex Ross, Emanuel Engineering, addressed the Commission. This application is to remove an existing abandoned structure and replace with a new duplex. The proposed project will result in a structure that is farther from the tidal wetlands than the existing structure. Ms. Marcotte asked that the footprint of the house be kept out of the buffer. The proposed deck could encroach the buffer as long as it was constructed on ~~scant~~ ^{steel} tube and kept open. A lengthy discussion ensued on this recommendation. The shed will be removed.

Ms. Goethel motioned to ask the Wetlands Board to approve the permit with the stipulation that the proposed footprint of the house be moved outside the 50 ft. buffer and the deck be allowed in the 50 ft. buffer, as long as it was on pilings, and open; the proper erosion control should be in place during construction; the area along the wetland should be cleaned up and planted; and the guidelines set forth in the Shoreline Protection Act should be followed for the lawn care. This was seconded by Mr. Weber. With one abstaining, six were in favor. Ms. Marcotte will forward to the Wetlands Board and Planning Board.

B. Foley (Expedited Application) & Special Permit
51 Mooring Drive

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NH Wetlands Bureau Actions

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- B. Bell Atlantic Corp. - received permit to excavate & fill for telephone conduit.

DES Wetlands Violations

- A. Pope
1052 Ocean Blvd.

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- B. Chamberland
18 McKay Ave.

Ms. Marcotte read a letter to the Chamberlands from Dori Wiggin. The complaint states a possible violation on this property. The complaint alleges that the buffer zone was filled in the bank area adjacent to Eel Crete without a wetlands permit. The Chamberlands have a month to respond to Ms. Wiggins letter. Ms. Marcotte will join Dori on 6/8 to visit the site.

- C. Vareschi/Phillips
1060 Ocean Blvd.

Ms. Marcotte witnessed some machinery on the beach bringing rip wrap to above property. Ms. Marcotte questioned the operator who stated that a permit was issued. Upon investigating this, the permit had expired. Ms. Wiggin and the Wetlands Bureau were notified.

DES Wetlands Violations (Cont)

- D. Resident -
33A - 33B BonAir (corner Shirley Terrace)

Alleged dumping of leaves in the wetlands.

- E. Meadow Farms
Drakeside Rd.

Ms. Marcotte received an anonymous phone call saying the water was running brown in the culvert. Ms. Marcotte investigated and contacted Ms. Dori Wiggin. Mark West, of Gove Environmental, was hired by Meadow Farms to propose a corrective plan. Corrective measures have been taken. Monitoring of this area will be on-going.

Old Business

- A. Membership

Ms. Marcotte introduced Ms. Nancy Batchelder, new Commission Member. Ms. Batchelder will contact the Town Clerk to be sworn in. She will also take on the responsibility of identifying and marking conservation land and easements. Ms. True will become Alternate and Ms. Batchelder will fill her position.

All Commissioners have been sworn in.

- B. Membership Cards & Vehicle IDs

Mr. Fatello finished the membership cards and vehicle IDs. All Commissioners signed their cards and will be returned to them after lamination. The vehicle IDs will also be laminated. Ms. Marcotte thanked Mr. Fatello for a job well done.

- C. WHS Video Tapes

Since Mr. Gangai was not present, this was tabled until perhaps next September 1998.

New Business

A. Victory Garden

Ms. Thimble reported on the Victory Garden. All gardens are rented and have a waiting list again this year. Ms. Thimble stated the shed will be painted and dedicated, most likely in June. Ms. Thimble also reported on the progress of the Elm Trees and that we are still in the running to becoming host for at least 100 trees. It will cost approximately \$3,000 for 150 trees. It was suggested to contact different Clubs, Commissions, Office of State Planning, NE Forest (Society for Protection of) etc. for donations. Ms. Thimble commented that there were very large cement blocks left on the garden site along with plowed down trees and a chicken coop. Ms. Marcotte and Ms. Thimble will meet with Mr. Barrington and Mr. Hangen to discuss this issue.

B. Identifying and marking Conservation Land and Easements

Ms. Marcotte, James Barrington, John Hangen gave the land off White's Lane a quick overview. The area will be surveyed and marked.

C. Saltmarsh Restoration Workshop - May 28th

There will be a Saltmarsh Restoration Workshop at the Rye Town Hall, Thursday, May 28th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

D. Hampton Historical Society

An invitation was extended to the Commissioners from Ms. Betty Moore, Hampton Historical Society, to attend a Business After Hours at the Tuck Museum on Wednesday, June 3rd. This is Co-sponsored by the Tuck Museum and Tobey & Merrill Insurance Agency in conjunction with the Hampton Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

E. Commission Re-Organization

Ms. Marcotte asked the Commissioners to be responsible for specific projects that need to be attended to. Ms. Callanan will be contact Commissioner for Press Releases/Publicity. Mr. Weber will be contact Commissioner for Violations. Ms. Thimble will continue to be contact person for the Victory Garden/Elm Trees Project. Ms. Batchelder will be contact Commissioner for the Identification and Marking of conservation land and easements.

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Treasurer's Report

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Ms. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

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