

ISLAND PATH COMMITTEE MEETING
April 17, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Selectman Bonnie Searle at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Ellen Goethel, Ms. Bonnie Thimble, Mr. Peter Tilton Jr., Mr. Mike McDermott, Mr. Jim Keefe and Mr. David Joaquin.

I. MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Searle presented the Mission Statement to the Committee for comments. The Island Path Committee will submit its written recommendation for the said area to the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hampton prior to August 1, 2002.

The mission of the Island Path Conservation Committee shall be to explore methods to enhance the wetlands buffer of the conservation land at Lot 1, Tax Map 281 on Island Path for the purpose of providing greater pedestrian accessibility, with minimal impact, to the edge of the marsh for educational and quiet use by the public.

Ms. Searle asked for a motion to adopt this Mission Statement. Mrs. Goethel motioned to adopt this Mission Statement, seconded by Mr. Keefe. With Mr. McDermott abstaining, all were in favor.

II. SIGN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROJECT

There were eight (8) recommendations for the signs:

1. Welcome
2. Zonation – describes what the marsh is and zones of the salt marsh
3. History (Geologic)
4. History (Human) Mrs. Goethel read a history of the settlers.
5. Physical Aspects of the Marsh – different types of grass and what you see looking out over the marsh.
6. Plant and Animal Life Along the Trail –
7. Stay on the Path to Respect Nesting Wild Life
8. Rules

Mr. Tilton suggested “closed from dusk to dawn.” Mr. McDermott suggested “No Hunting.” Mr. Joaquin suggested “No Paintball.” It was also suggested “Please Respect Neighborhood and Wild Life by Refraining from Undue Noise.”

Mrs. Goethel will type a list of signs and what they will say for the next meeting.

III. Schedule Clean Up Date

A brief discussion ensued on the date of the clean up. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Joaquin offered his truck and his services as did Mr. Keefe. Mrs. Goethel, Ms. Thimble, Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Searle also will be there. Mrs. Goethel will put a notice in the newspaper so if Anyone is interested, they can call Mrs. Goethel.

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IV. SCHEDULE FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday, May 1, 2002
Wednesday, May 22, 2002
Wednesday, June 5, 2002
Wednesday, June 19, 2002

All meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. in the small meeting room off the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Mrs. Searle will have the Agenda's ready the Friday before the meeting.

V. REVIEW MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2002

The Minutes of March 27, 2002 were reviewed and corrected. Mrs. Goethel motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections noted. Mr. Keefe seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Minutes of April 10, 2002 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Virginia Nardone stated that the signs might be child height and put in at an angle. Ms. Nardone also asked about the status of the original petition. Ms. Searle stated the original petition had not required any action by the Town. She was also concerned about the security of the Seabrook Nuclear Plant.

Ms. Sandy Miller of 210 Island Path was concerned about the security also and the increased traffic that the walkway will create. There are a lot of children living on the street.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room.

Mr. McDermott motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Conservation Commission Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

April 23, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vivianne G. Marcotte, Chairperson. Present were Dr. Ralph Falk, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton Jr. Alternates Greg Smart, sitting in for Mrs. Goethel, and Fred Palazzolo, sitting in for Mr. Gangai were also present. There was no representative present from the Hampton Board of Selectmen.

The minutes of March 26, 2002 were reviewed. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections noted, seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION

Krystina Deren Arrain, NH East Coast Greenway Project, gave a presentation on the project. This trail is extending from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida. This urban Appalachian Trail provides new healthy recreational opportunities, new green transportation routes, preserve abandoned canal towpaths and railroads, and reduce air, water and noise pollution. The defined 2,600 mile route is linking 23 major cities. The states have formed committees to guide the development of the trail. Maps have been created for cyclists and others so the trail can be used. There still needs to be a lot done. The projected completion date is 2,010. The membership needs to be expanded. This was all presented through slides of the trail. Ms. Arrain will keep the Commission informed.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATION

- A. Brouillette
10 Bradford Ave.

This application is for the construction of a new concrete foundation for an existing single family residence with no change in footprint or size. The house will be lowered onto the foundation. The project has been carefully laid out so as to minimize the impact to jurisdictional wetlands. Mr. Chris Ogden, Civil Engineer, addressed the Commission. After a brief discussion, Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo. All were in favor.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL

- A. St. James Building Association
77 Tide Mill Rd

This request for review is for the repaving and expansion of existing parking lot with addition of a second access point. The new paved lot should be approximately 536 ft. from the marsh. There is an increase in run-off and there is existing natural ponding. After a brief overview, Mr. Tilton motioned no concern, seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. Royal Shores Vacation LLC

This special permit is for parking in the buffer reducing current impermeable surface. The drainage is taken care of. After a brief discussion, Dr. Falk motioned the granting of the special permit seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS (CONT)

B. Schaaque
100 King's Highway

This special permit is for the demolition of existing building and construction of a new building within the buffer, having 100 sq. ft. less impact. Dr. Falk recommending the granting of the special permit, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo with the conditions of a fence to be put in the back, erosion control and lawn care (Shoreline Protection Act). All were in favor.

C. Probama Trust
4 Post Rd.

This special permit is for impact to the buffer for construction of a home for a wetland violation on the site. A restoration plan has been submitted to the State by Gove Environmental. The State has not yet responded to the plan. The impact to the wetland buffer zone is approximately 262 sq. ft. in order to construct a 24' x 40' cape style home. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tilton motioned because it is an unexplored option of home design to fit the lot, to oppose the special permit, seconded by Dr. Falk. All were in favor. The Buffer should be restored to its original grade.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Eagle Scout Project - Austin Bashline

Austin has looked into various maps and has walked the area with Ralph Fatello and Dave Weber. Ms. Marcotte has written a letter in support of Austin. He is going to mark the trail (at White's Lane) and do some cleaning up. The Eagle Scout Project has to be completed by the end of the year.

B. Island Path Project

Mr. Tilton gave an update on the Island Path Committee. There have been three meetings and that discussions were proceeding. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 in the Town Office Meeting Room. The traffic and parking will be on the agenda.

C. Phragmites Mitigation Project Update

The project is out to bid. The project will include eight different sites.

D. Deteriorating Dock

The deteriorating dock is still in question of whose responsibility it is. Ms. Marcotte is still investigating this issue.

E. Lupien

The expedited application was signed.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Questioning of the Foss easement Boundary
Ms. Marcotte gave a brief update.
- B. Violations - Ms. Marcotte reviewed the following violations:
1. Landing Rd. - This is a violation of wetland.
 2. Anchor Ct. - This is a filling of the wetland. However, the owner has already sold the property.
- C. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
Ms. Marcotte discussed possible workshop dates. A guest list will be prepared.
- D. Seabreeze Condo's Marsh Flooding Problem.
Ms. Marcotte gave a brief update.
- E. McCarthy
Tilton Street
- Mr. McCarthy called to let the Commission know the project was completed.
- F. Victory Garden
- Ms. Thimble gave a brief update on the Victory Garden. The first meeting will be held on April 25, 2002, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. A donation of \$100.00 was received from the Hampton Water Dept.
- G. Hampton Academy Junior High Award
- Mrs. Goethel will review the candidates and Ms. Thimble stated the Victory Garden will donate the award.

CORRESPONDENCE

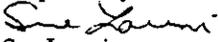
Mrs. Marcotte reviewed seminars, brochures and workshops.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report as reviewed. Ms. Marcotte will make an appointment to review the Conservation Commission's accounts with Ms. Ellen Lavin, Town Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be held on Monday, May 27, 2002 meeting in the Town Office Parking Lot at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Falk motioned to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Launi
Secretary