

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
March 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Vivianne G. Marcotte, Chairperson. Present were Dan Gangai, Ellen Goethel, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton Jr. Also present was alternate Greg Smart sitting in for Dr. Falk and alternate Fred Palazzolo.

The Minutes of February 25, 2003 were reviewed. All were in agreement with the corrections noted.

MARK WEST PRESENTATION

Mitigation Project Update & Special Permit Amendment for BN Hampton LLC

The Special Permit Amendment for BN Hampton LLC was presented. This amendment is necessary due to significant groundwater seepage encountered during construction. West Environmental Inc. consulted the design engineers Millette, Sprague and Colwell Inc. to assist with the design change. The end result of this amendment request will be a 556 sq ft reduction in permanent wetland impact on the site. The revised plans also provide an increase in the wetland mitigation area from 3,747 sq ft to 4,076 sq ft. The Conservation Easement of 10.69 acres will not be affected by this amendment request.

Mr. West then gave a brief update on the mitigation project. He mentioned several sites that have been investigated and then asked the Commissioners if there were any sites that they would like investigated.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

**A. Pease Development Authority
Hampton Harbor State Marina**

Pease Development Authority (Division of Ports and Harbors) repairs to timber pier, install aluminum gangways, replace guide and tender piles, remove old fuel dispenser, sitework, and replace timber and steel bulkhead cap.

After a brief update, Mrs. Goethel motioned not to oppose the application for Hampton Harbor, with no stipulations, seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were favor.

**B. Town of Hampton
Brown Ave**

This application is for the construction of a new Police Station in the buffer at the corner of Brown Ave. and Ashworth Ave. The parcels are located within the Shoreline Protection Zone. A representative from Kimball Chase and a representative from Kastle Boos gave a brief presentation. The site has a paved parking lot as it is now. The plan is to remove pavement and repave and add natural vegetation. The swales will be vegetated also. The building will be elevated to help with the high tide flooding. The flow of the water is a major concern. There will also be a four foot fence between the building and the parking lot. After the presentation, Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose the application without conditions, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (Cont)

C. Golden Corridor LLC
Harbor Rd.

Joe Coronati (Jones & Beach) gave the presentation. This application is for condo development. There has been no changes since the last meeting. After a brief summary, Mr. Gangai motioned not to oppose the application with the following conditions: (1) boardwalk over the dunes; (2) parking not restricted to just residents; (3) no pool in the buffer; (4) a sign for the public access way; (5) septic under 2 cottages to be removed; (6) willow tree to be saved if possible and highly recommend tying in the Gephards to Town sewer. Mrs. Goethel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. Golden Corridor, LLC
Hampton Harbor Condominium, LLC

Mr. Gangai motioned not to oppose the Special Permit with the conditions of notification of job start and finish and erosion control, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

B. Fisher Scientific International Inc.
Liberty Lane

This Special Permit is for upgrading roads, etc. With all in agreement to the usual conditions, notification, erosion control and the gain of permeable surface, the Special Permit was not opposed.

C. 389 High Street Realty Trust
J. Sakurai

This Special Permit is to remove the existing duplex structure and driveway and construct an 8 unit building with a driveway furthest from the wetlands. The remaining wetland buffer will be enhanced with thick plantings to provide an improved situation. Mr. Joe Coronati, (Jones & Beach) and Mr. Jeff Contara (Gove) addressed the Commission. Mr. J. Sakurai also addressed the Commission. After an overview of the application, Mrs. Goethel motioned not to recommend the Special Permit for the following reasons: (1) even though the plan was well thought out, could not justify increase in the buffer; and (2) building is too large for the area. Mr. Gangai seconded the motion. All were in favor.

WETLAND BUREAU AND PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

A. Kopka
63 Barbour Rd
Special Permit was granted.

B. Kennedy
40 Highland Ave
Violation - They have until 3/27/03 to respond to complaint letter.

C. Burke
75 Plymouth St
Request for more information - abutter's consent

WETLAND BUREAU AND PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS (Cont)

- D. Chamberland
18 Mckay
Demand for response to letter of deficiency (dates back to '97)
- E. Olney
Esker Rd
Response to letter of deficiency

OLD BUSINESS

A. Marsh Program

Ms. Marcotte will be meeting with Grace Bottitta and Mike Morrison on 3/27/03 to look at sites.

B. Open Space Committee

Ms. Marcotte will meet with Phil Auger on 4/4/03.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership

Ms. Olney and Ms. Marcotte's terms are expiring. Ms. Marcotte read her letter of resignation and both will not be seeking re-appointment. Ms. Marcotte read a letter from Heather Day who would like to join the Commission. At this time, Mrs. Goethel thanked Ms. Marcotte for her dedication and effort to the Conservation Commission. Mrs. Goethel motioned to keep Ms. Marcotte as a member of the Open Space Committee and report back to the Commission. This was seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor. Mr. Tilton motioned to have Ms. Marcotte continue with the ongoing projects that she has been involved in and keep the Commission apprised. Mrs. Goethel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. Election of Officers

Mrs. Goethel nominated Mr. Smart as Chairperson of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Tilton seconded the nomination. Mr. Smart accepted the nomination. All were in favor.

Mr. Tilton nominated Mrs. Goethel as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Smart seconded the nomination. Mrs. Goethel accepted the nomination. All were in favor.

Mr. Palazzolo nominated Mr. Tilton for Treasurer. Mrs. Goethel seconded the nomination. Mr. Tilton accepted the position.

C. Senior Seminar Students

Ms. Marcotte received a thank you note from Lauren Bradshaw and Rose Smiledge, from Winnacunnet High School, who worked on a Senior project for the Commission.

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NEW BUSINESS (Cont)

D. Presentation for next month's meeting. Natalie Landry will give a summary of DES studies in Hampton Harbor:

- 1) Identifying bacteria sources using forensic technology
- 2) Investigating pollution from storm drains during rain storms

Mrs. Goethel motioned to call the cable (Channel 22) to see if the presentation could be live. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Marcotte reviewed seminars, brochures and workshops.

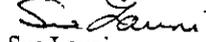
TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be Monday, April 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Parking Lot.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 11:00p.m., seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Launi
Secretary