

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING  
May 27, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Greg Smart, Chairperson. Present were , Heather Day, Dr. Ralph Falk, Dan Gangai, Ellen Goethel, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton , Jr.. Alternates attending were Jay Diener and Fred Palazzolo.

The Minutes of April 22, 2003 were reviewed. All were in agreement with the corrections noted.

PRESENTATION- Chet Riley & Bob Nudd

Mr. Riley and Mr. Nudd gave a progress report on mapping land of environmental interest. They are identifying open space pieces of land by using tax maps and color coding to identify them. The goal is to have one map with all the identifying pieces. Mrs. Goethel suggested having a Public Hearing (televised) so the public may have input for correct identification.

Mr. Smart thanked Mr. Riley and Mr. Nudd for their presentation.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

A. Magplane Technology Inc  
NH DOT Railroad Tracks – Between Rt 1 and Taylor River in Hampton

Proposed impacts within the Town of Hampton's 50' wetland buffer zone along a NH Dept. of Transportation railroad berm. The magplane track proposal is to lease this land from NH DOT, to temporarily set up a test track for a prototype magnetically-suspended train. There are no impacts within wetlands buffer. The proposed test track is a temporary impact only and will be removed after testing is complete. The permanent impact is the upgrade of an existing access road, which will remain dirt/gravel. There will be no impact on the functions of the wetlands. There will be no significance disturbance to wildlife habitat. There will be no impact on recreation, since the existing access road will remain open to Taylor River and there will be no impact on fish.

A short discussion ensued on the lease from DOT and was questioned for the de-commissioning of the concrete. Mrs. Goethel would like to inquire to the State about an escrow account (bond) to make sure that the concrete is removed if circumstances arise. Mr. Gangai agreed with Mrs. Goethel. Mrs. Goethel motioned to postpone any decisions until the next meeting awaiting the answer from the State. Dr. Falk seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. ATT Communications Tower  
Church Street

Location of unmanned wireless telecommunication equipment on a raised platform supported by four (4) 2 ft diameter concrete piers 3-5 ft. above grade. Underground coaxial cables will run to the water tank, then vertically to antennas.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Goethel motioned not to oppose the minimum expedited application, seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (Cont.)

- C. Jean McGough  
52 Hobson Ave.

This is for the after-the-fact application. After a brief discussion and review from last month's comments, Mr. Tilton *motioned to not oppose* this application due to the circumstances of the application, and the applicant not being at fault. Ms. Thimble seconded the motion. With two opposed, Ms. Day and Dr. Falk, five were in favor.

TOWN OF HAMPTON SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. Gerard Blais  
518 High St

This is for 494 sq. ft. addition to garage, within 50 ft. wetland buffer.

Mr. Blais returned to address the Commission, but did not have another plan. However the shed would be removed. After a brief review, Mr. Gangai *motioned to oppose* this application on grounds of impact to the buffer. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- B. Rob & Dawn Gagnon  
17 Elaine St.

This special permit is for an 8' x 30' (existing width) addition in wetlands buffer. The first floor to be used as expanded family room. Second floor to be used as expanded 2<sup>nd</sup> bath and new master bedroom. The existing shed to be demolished and replaced with smaller shed. The construction of the proposed addition will not affect any surrounding wetlands. They are giving back 39 sq. ft. of vegetation. Mrs. Goethel suggested the leaves should be cleaned up and the concrete removed. Dr. Falk *motioned to not oppose this special permit application*, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

- C. Richard & Ruth Bley  
Timber Swamp Rd

Construction of culvert wells and water lines within the 50' buffer zone. Placement of pipes through the buffer will help the vegetation return. Mrs. Goethel *motioned not to oppose the application*, seconded by Mr. Gangai. All were in favor.

- D. Edward Carlman III  
5 Chase Street

This special permit is to construct a 7' x 22' deck (vinyl wrapped) and a set of stairs. Mr. David Bowley represented the Carlmans. The pavement will be taken out and area to be kept permeable. After a brief discussion, Mr. Tilton *motioned to oppose the application* as the deck is not allowed use in the buffer and gravel was put in that was also not allowed. Ms. Thimble seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- E. Magplane Technology

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#### TOWN OF HAMPTON SPECIAL PERMITS (Cont)

F. Jean McGough  
52 Hobson  
Please refer to NH Wetlands Applications.

G. Nancy Wheeler  
143 Island Path

Construct a second story and a deck as well as relocate the entrance stairs on an existing residential structure, impacting 1,623 sq. ft. of the previously developed upland tidal buffer zone. Tidal buffer zone will be enhanced by planting 11 native shrubs as a buffer to the salt marsh. Same footprint – constructing up. There will be a site walk needed. This was for discussion only.

#### WETLAND BUREAU & PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

A. Town of Hampton  
Nudd Ave./Brown Ave

Impact to 400 sq. ft. of tidal buffer for oil/water separator catch basin. NHDES Wetland Permit #2003-00070: Approved.

B. NHDES Wetlands Complaint #1997-2014, Jeanne Chamberland, violation of fill in the bank of Eel Creek. (18 McKay Ave.)

#### OLD BUSINESS

A. 389 High Street Realty Trust  
Jerome Sakurai  
Will be sent for departmental review.

B. Jean McGough  
52 Hobson Ave.  
Please refer to NH Wetlands Applications.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Smart received a call from Bev Jewell to give 2 pieces of marshland. A short discussion ensued.

B. Mrs. Goethel stated the signs for the Island Path project are ready to be put up.

C. Mrs. Goethel wrote up 4 different brochures for the Commissioner's review and input.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

A. Mr. David Hammarstrom contacted Mr. Smart regarding Old Grist Mill & hydrology. The beavers are building dams and not allowing the water to flow. Mrs. Goethel will contact Mr. Pete MacKinnon to see what can be done.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Smart reviewed seminars, brochures and workshops and phone calls he had received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Tilton distributed the report that was done by Ms. Lavin, Town Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room as 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be Monday, June 23, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Parking Lot.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 10:15, seconded by Dr. Falk. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi  
Secretary