

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

August 28, 2007

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ellen Goethel, Chairperson, at the Hampton Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Commission Members Jay Diener, Dr. Ralph Falk, Daniel Gangai, Sharon Raymond, and Peter Tilton Jr. Alternates Nathan Page and Barbara Renaud were present. Alternate Pete MacKinnon was absent. Conservation Coordinator Steve Scanarro was present. Bob Viviano was present representing the Planning Board.

The site walk was held on Saturday, August 25, 2007 meeting at the Town Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

- A. 55 Harbor Rd
- B. 81 Brown Ave
- C. 43 Ocean Drive
- D. 968 Ocean Blvd
- E. 40 Tide Mill Rd
- F. 3 Gale Rd
- G. 87 Harbor Rd
- H. 11 Fieldstone Circle

The Minutes of July 24 2007 and August 28, 2007 will be reviewed at the September 25, 2007 Meeting.

NH WETLAND APPLICATIONS

- A. 55 Harbor Rd
Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental

This is a DES Dredge & Fill Application. Project proposes replacement of 20,925 sq. ft. of bank area associated with the Atlantic Ocean. This will include two separate impacts. The proposed project is needed as existing rip rap has begun to fall into the water and has created an unsafe area at the top of the slope due to erosion adjacent to the marina driveway and parking areas. The retaining wall will be replaced with sheet piles to ensure the wall does not collapse into the water. Silt fence and a silt boom will be installed prior to the start of any work to ensure no material enters the open water. Mr. Page motioned to not oppose the reconstruction of the retaining and rip rap walls as per the plan presented on August 28, 2007 with the following observations: (1) On site inspection, a large amount of oil spilled on the ground adjacent to the boat launch ramp was seen and if this is a persistent problem, could cause seepage into the water; (2) silt booms should be made a stipulation of the permit; (3) a sufficient number of zincs should be placed along the metal retaining walls to avert a major electrolysis problem in the near future; and (4) all work will be accessed from above using silt booms. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion, all were in favor.

- B. 43 Ocean Drive
Sean Moriarty - NH Soils Consultants

The project proposes 1700 sq ft of impacts within the previously developed 100 tidal buffer zone for the removal and replacement of an existing residence. Mr. Tilton motioned to not sign the application and the applicant has agreed to resubmit the application for the September Agenda. Mr. Page seconded. All were in favor.

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NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (cont)

C. 81 Brown Ave.

Karen Robinson & Martin Wright

Ms. Raymond motioned to have Mrs. Goethel write a letter to DES postponing until the September Meeting as the applicant has asked for an extension on this permit in order to put together more information to complete the application. They will be on the September 23, 2007 Agenda. Mr. Diener seconded. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

A. 968 Ocean Blvd.

Ben & Laura Soussan

Existing rip rap wall was damaged in April storm. Project would replace and augment stone to reinstate wall to state of safety. Footprint of the project would remain the same as the abutting property. The project will also prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to the Town due to erosion caused by storms. Mr. Gangai motioned to recommend the granting of a Special Permit for the After the Fact reconstruction of a seawall at 968 Ocean Blvd as long as the final structure does not extend further toward the ocean than the original wall with the following stipulations: (1) small stones which appear to be pushed up against the base of the wall are removed and placed higher onto the wall so that they do not wash away. Mr. Page amended the motion to add that the Building Inspector look at the project and ok the final structure. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. With Mr. Diener abstained, all were in favor.

B. 40 Tide Mill Rd

Michael Zuba

This is an after-the-fact fill within the Town Wetlands Conservation District. Mr. Diener motioned to deny this application for a Special Permit for after-the-fact fill within the Town Wetlands Conservation District at 40 Tide Mill Road and request the Planning Board require the applicant to submit a restoration plan for the site with the following stipulations: (1) silt fence and hay bales added and properly installed along the entire edge of the work area; (2) fill is removed and taken out of the Town Wetlands Conservation District; (3) restoration planting plan is supplied to the Conservation Commission for approval; (4) DES restoration plan is submitted to include the sump pump pipe which is discharging directly into the wetland; (5) supply some type of filtration plan for the sump pump discharge prior to entering the wetland; (6) the retaining wall at the edge of the wetlands will also be remove; and (7) the usual stipulations. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

C. 3 Gale Road

Joe Coranti, Jones & Beach Engineering

The application is for a residence and Septic system within the Town Wetlands Conservation District. Mr. Tilton motioned to deny the Special Permit Application for the construction of a new home due to the health and safety issues that will occur if the septic system which is placed in the Towns' Wetlands Conservation District fails. The proposed system is within 50 feet of the wetlands complex which drains into the Taylor River Watershed. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

- A. 87 Barbour Road
Shelbourne Place

The Planning Board Referral is for a subdivision abutting the Town owned Conservation Land at the Victory Garden and Whites Lane, within the Aquifer Protection Zone.

Ms. Raymond motioned to write the same letter as last month. Mr. Diener seconded. All were in favor.

- B. 11 Fieldstone Circle
Frank Sestito

After-the-fact retaining wall within Town Wetland Conservation District. Sent back to the Commission by the Planning Board. A discussion ensued on restoring the wetland after a violation. This will be put on the Agenda for September.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. 1019 Ocean Blvd.
Ted Palmieri

Discuss special permit violations. After the discussion, the following requirements should be met prior to the site walk at 1019 Ocean Blvd. scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2007: (1) remove the debris (wood, etc) from the wetland conservation district; (2) supply us with an as built spot elevation for the site; (3) produce a restoration plan to meet the requirements of the original special permit.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Goethel gave an update on the Sakurai property at 426 High Street. The cabins are in the wetlands buffer.

The next Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the Town Office Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2007 meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Raymond motioned to adjourn at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Deiner. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary