

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

January 29, 2008

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, Dan Gangai, and Nathan Page. Commissioners Dr. Ralph Falk and Sharon Raymond and Peter Tilton Jr. were absent. Alternate Barbara Renaud was present sitting in for Peter Tilton Jr. Alternate Pete MacKinnon was absent. Steve Scaturro, Conservation Coordinator, was present. There was no representation from the Planning Board.

There was no Site Walk held for the month of January.

The Minutes of October 23, 2007, November 27, 2007, December 11, 2007, December 18, 2007 and January 3, 2008 were reviewed and accepted with corrections noted.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

None

SPECIAL PERMITS

None

PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

None

DES ACTIONS

A. 55 Beach Plum
Margaret Camuso

Received the DES Waiver for construction.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 101 Drakeside

Joe Coronati addressed the Commission. This was a review of the original application packet and to decide how to proceed with final approval for Certificate of Occupancy; rear decks in wetland buffer, and required to have a rear egress. After the discussion, Mr. Diener motioned to move the stairs to outside of the decks. Mr. Gangai seconded. All were in favor.

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OLD BUSINESS (Cont)

B. 165 Island Path

Jim Gove, Gove Environmental and Joe Coronati addressed the Commission. This is regarding a concern of a possible violation in a letter written by the Hampton Conservation Commission dated November 30, 2007 to Frank Richardson. Frank Richardson reviewed the file. After meeting with Mr. Gove and Mr. Coronati, they will be put on the February 26, 2008 agenda.

C. Prime Wetlands

The next steps for the Prime Wetlands Initiative were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Space Committee Inception

This will be on the next Hampton Board of Selectmen's Agenda for February 4, 2008. The Committee will be forming and the next NROC Meeting will be held on February 6, 2008.

B. Mr. Diener would like to gain the approval of the Conservation Commission to mail a letter to property owners around Great Meadow regarding the protection of their property. Ms. Renaud motioned to have Mr. Diener write the letter, seconded by Mr. Page. All were in favor.

C. Mr. Diener would like to formally ask the Conservation Commission to clear Japanese Knotweed and other various scrub brush from part of lot #3 at the Ice Pond. Mr. Page motioned to organize the clearing of the Japanese Knotweed and disposal of same, seconded by Mr. Gangai. All were in favor.

D. Taylor River Dam

Mrs. Goethel stated that the water was extremely polluted to the point of almost toxic. The State has been holding meetings regarding the removal of the dam; with no dam, saltwater will flow in and clean the upstream area. Mr. Tilton has been attending the meetings. Mr. Page will contact the Hampton Falls Conservation for opinion. Mr. Scaturro will also check with the Hampton Fire Chief regarding water for fire fighting. It was suggested that a news article be drafted listing the pros and cons of DOT's proposal.

E. Ms. Renaud gave an update from the Prime Wetlands Designation Workshop.

CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

A. Mr. Scaturro drafted a letter to property owners on Mill Road and Vanderpool regarding wetland behind their properties. This wetland is in the Nilus Brook Watershed and is very important for handling the runoff from all the roads and properties in the surrounding area.

B. Mr. Scaturro reviewed the Wetlands Fact Sheet.

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Mr. Page motioned to send a letter to ask Attorney Mark Gearreald to draft a letter to Mr. Ted Palmieri, 1019 Ocean Blvd. regarding restoration plan. This has not yet been complied with. Mr. Diener seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next regular monthly Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The next site walk will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008 meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Diener motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Page. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



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