

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

March 25, 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, Dr. Ralph Falk, Daniel Gangai, Nathan Page, Sharon Raymond and Peter Tilton Jr. Alternate Barbara Renaud and Conservation Coordinator Steve Scaturro were in attendance. Bob Viviano was in attendance representing the Planning Board.

The site walk was held on Saturday, March 22, 2008, meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

A. 446 High Street

The Minutes of January 29, 2008, February 26, 2008 and March 25, 2008 will be reviewed at the April 29, 2008 meeting.

VOTING IN OFFICERS FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Diener nominated Ms. Renaud for Treasurer, Mrs. Goethel for Chairperson and Mr. Page for Vice Chair. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. With Mr. Page abstaining, all were in favor the vote.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

A. 431 and 435 Ocean Blvd.

Mr. Brad Charette from Jones and Beach addressed the Commission. This DES application is to demolish an existing motel and single family house and construct a 23 unit condominium with onsite parking and amenities within the State Jurisdictional Wetlands. After a brief discussion, Mr. Page motioned to not oppose the granting of a DES application as shown on plan dated February 12, 2008. The plan noted (1) decrease in sealed surface; (2) restoration of the transition zone at the rear of the property; and (3) use of porous material for the parking lot adjacent to the marsh. The Commission would like to be notified at the beginning and end of construction. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. 1048 Ocean Blvd.

The proposed project will require impacts to the 100 ft tidal buffer zone for the redevelopment of a single family residence. The project includes the removal of the existing home and the large foundation that supports the ocean front decking for the construction of a new residence. The impacts to the tidal buffer zone is a total of 3,536 sq. ft. (Permanent 2,531 sq. ft. & Temporary 1,005 sq ft) A discussion ensued on the permeable surface. At this time, Mrs. Goethel opened the discussion up to the Public. Mr. Keith Lorder, former owner of 1048 Ocean Blvd., spoke on concerns regarding the overhang and the height of the tide line. Ms. Mary Jo Stoney, 1044 Ocean Blvd., concern of hitting the Dory Inn. Mr. Mike Sapuppo, concern of the mobility of the pavers. Rev. Stoney, 1050 Ocean Blvd., gave a short history of the property. At this time the Public Session was closed. Mr. Tilton motioned to not sign the application for the following reasons: (1) the delineation of the highest observable tide line is not accurate and should be anywhere from 5 to 10 feet closer to the structure; (2) the calculation of pervious and impervious material is not accurate on the plan and asked the applicant to come back with a new material which would be permeable and they declined; (3) the Commission has asked that all projects within the 50 ft buffer remain on the same footprint or move the structure back to be further away from the edge of the highest observable tide; this project has the space to move the structure back and the applicant was asked to come back with this change and they declined; (4) the plan is incomplete lacking details for the drip edge and drainage

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (Cont)

B. 1048 Ocean Blvd

for the walk ways; (5) the Commission has concerns of increase of impervious material will cause flooding and drainage onto the abutting properties; (6) the Commission has concerns about the amount of impervious material for walk ways along both sides of the property which may have a negative impact on the drainage onto the abutting properties; (7) the neighbors noted and the Commission concurs that the bluestone pavers could become projectiles during a storm and cause damage and /or injury to the property and adjacent properties; and (8) the increase in the footprint does not meet the standards set forth in the Shore Land Protection Act. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor with Ms. Renaud voting for Dr. Falk who was called out briefly.

SPECIAL PERMITS

A. 488 High Street

Planting Plan submitted for Special Permit.

Mr. Page motioned to allow Mr. Scaturro to sign off on the plant plan after checking to be sure that the plants are on an approved list. Mr. Diener seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. 446 High Street

Building addition within the Town Wetlands Conservation District.

This plan was withdrawn and will be back with a new plan at the next scheduled Conservation Commission Meeting on April 29, 2008.

C. 1048 Ocean Blvd

Please see NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS #B.

Ms. Raymond motioned to not recommend the granting of this Special Permit. Mr. Diener seconded the motion. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

The Webelos Scouts of Cub Scout Pack 177 addressed the Commission to request permission to hang a "Leave No Trace" sign possibly at White's Lane or another area suggested by the Conservation Commission. Scout Leader David Goodman and Scouts Thomas Dumont and John Wilusz addressed the Commission. It was the consensus of the Commission and the Scouts to hang the sign at Ice Pond. A group photo of the Scouts and Commissioners was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Page gave an update on the Old Stage Bridge Committee. The bridge needs to be re-opened for a foot path. The Commission has agreed to look into monies for the renovation of the Old Stage Bridge.

B. Discussion on Town owned land management agreement. Hunting was the topic of discussion. Mrs.

Goethel and Mr. Tilton will meet with the Town Manager.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Vote on Conservation funding for additional hours for the Conservation Coordinator. Mr. Page motioned to fund up to \$2,000 for the Coordinator position or make available 10 hours per month for the remainder of the year and not to exceed 30 hours in a week. Mr. Diener seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Gangai left the meeting at this time. (9:50 P.M.)

B. To Do List

Mrs. Gooethel handed out To Do Lists to each Commissioner which was reviewed.

CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

A. Mr. Scaturro reviewed the James St. Public Beach access complaint which will be on the next site walk.

B. Mr. Scaturro discussed the possibility to open talks with the Hampton Recreation Department about joint land purchases for both recreational and conservation use.

C. Mr. Scaturro asked for suggestions for discussions.

The next regular monthly Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The next site walk will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary