

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 24, 2008

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Nathan Page., at the Hampton Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Commission Members Jay Diener, Sharon Raymond, Barbara Renaud and Peter Tilton Jr. Daniel Gangai arrived at 7:20 p.m. Commissioners absent were Dr. Ralph Falk and Mrs. Ellen Goethel. Alternates absent were Pete MacKinnon Steve Scaturro. Mark Loopley was the representative from the Planning Board.

There was no site walk this month.

The Minutes of April 29, 2008, May 27, 2008 and June 24, 2008 will be reviewed at the July 22, 2008 meeting.

NH WETLAND APPLICATIONS

A. 55 and 31 Harbor Road
Hampton River Marina

This is a standard dredge and fill application and harbor dredging. The project proposes to dredge approximately 185,175 sq. ft. (27,235 cu. yd.) of material from the inner and outer basins of the marina; of this 1,615 sq. ft (60 cu. yds.) of sediment is to be removed in front of tax map lot #295/62 as part of the project. The proposed project is needed as the bottom sediment is exposed during low tide, creating an unsuitable docking situation from the marina. Silt fence and a silt boom will be installed prior to the start of any work to ensure no material enters the open water. The dredging will be performed from a barge that will remove the sediment from the bottom and transfer it to trucks on the upland area of the marina and disposal area off site outside of any jurisdictional wetland area. Work to be done between November 15, 2008 and March 15, 2009. The Commission asked if DES was ok with the dredging for two properties being under one permit, and Mr. Hurley said that they were. Since there were no public attendees, Mr. Tilton motioned to not oppose the dredge and fill application. Mr. Diener seconded. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

None

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL/ACTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Conservation Coordinator Position

Mr. Page gave a brief update on the Conservation Coordinator Position. Mr. Scaturro has stepped down from the Conservation Coordinator position and his resignation was accepted. A call was made to the candidate next in line to see if they were still interested. In the mean time, Mrs. Goethel, Mr. Diener, Mr. Page, Ms. Renaud and Ms. Raymond will take turns in the Office on Wednesdays from 9-12. Mr. Scaturro will still conduct site walks and asked to become an Alternate on the Commission.

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OLD BUSINESS (cont)

B. Update on Ice Pond

Mr. Diener stated that Mr. Vic Maloney from Seacost Youth Services is clearing Japanese Knotweed from the town owned land in front of the Ice Pond. SYS will also create a trail on the property. Mr. Diener also stated that Stateline Landscaping, a hydro-seeding company is pumping water out of the pond and Mrs. Goethel has been notified. The deed for the dam is with the Town Attorney.

C. Hampton Acedamy Graduation Award

Ms. Renaud attended the Hampton Academy Jr High Graduation and presented the Conservation Commission Environmental Science Awards to Michaela Witham and Michael Newman.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Invasive Species Workshop

The James House Association has arranged with Douglas Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator, NH Dept. of Agriculture a presentation on "Invasive Plants, Their History, Their Control" to be presented on July 2, 2008. There will be a power point presentation which will provide a description of each plant on the Invasive Plant List, explain why the invasive plants are a problem, and describe how to control infiltration of invasive plans. Hobb's House Trinity Hall has been reserved for the event which would start at 6:30 p.m. and end between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. The James House Association is asking the Commission to co-sponsor this event.

B. A letter will be drafted to the DPW asking for a "No Dumping" sign on Juniper Lane.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Renaud stated that there was no report for the meeting.

The next regular monthly Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The next site walk will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2008, meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Diener motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gangai. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary