

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

October 26, 2010

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Co-Chairperson Ellen Goethel at the Hampton Town Office Meeting Room. Commission Members present were Sharon Raymond, Barbara Renaud, and Peter Tilton. Commission Member Jay Diener joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commission Member Nathan Page and Steve Scaturro was absent. Alternantes Dr. Ralph Falk and Mark Loopley were absent. Keith Lessard was present representing the Planning Board.

The Minutes of August 24, 2010 and September 28, 2010 were reviewed and accepted with noted corrections..

The site walk was held Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot.

- a. 497 Winnacunnet Rd
- b. Grist Mill Pond

NHDES APPLICATIONS

- A. 497 Winnacunnet Rd
Doug Bennett

This is a minimum expedited application needing Chair signature. This application is to construct a retaining wall (49' x 4' x 12" south side, 14' x 4' x 12" west side and 20' x 4' x 12" east side). After a discussion Mrs. Goethel motioned to not oppose the granting of the wetlands permit for the construction of a retaining wall and permeable paver patio and not to sign the minimum expedited application as the following items were not identified in the application, but agreed upon by the applicant during the Public Hearing. If DES grants this application, the Commission would request the inclusion of the following items:

1. Current elevation of the wetland side of the retaining wall will remain unaltered (no fill will be added to the wetland side of the retaining wall).
2. Only the material obtained during the excavation for the base of the permeable paver patio shall be used to backfill the retaining wall. (no new or off-site material shall be used to backfill the retaining wall)
3. Installation of the permeable pavers must meet all of the permeable paver/pavement requirements set forth in NHDES storm water manual.
4. All storm water must discharge and be treated within the boundaries of the property.
5. A planting plan for the top and toe of the retaining wall must be submitted and approved by the Conservation Coordinator prior to installation.

Ms. Renaud seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. 497 Winnacunnet Rd
Doug Bennett

This Special Permit is to construct a retaining wall (49' x 4' x 12" south side, 14' x 4' x 12" west side and 20' x 4' x 12" east side). After the discussion Mr. Tilton motioned to recommend the special permit with the same stipulations as in the DES motion. Please see above. Ms. Raymond seconded. All were in favor.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS
N/A

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Candice Stellmach
Adopt-a-spot Old Grist Mill - Stream flow restoration

Ms. Stellmach did an adopt-a-spot through the Recreation Department for the Old Grist Mill area. Ms. Stellmach is researching the rebuilding of the retaining walls on either side of the stream that flows from the Grist Mill to High Street. The walls are beginning to fail and rocks are falling into the stream bed. The big issue is that the Town is awaiting a decision from the Dam Bureau about what they will be required. The information is needed before any decisions can be made to these walls. Ms. Stellmach wishes to do her own research but was reminded of the limitations of the adopt-a-spot program. Ms. Stellmach was told by the Commission to make sure she checks with the Commission before performing any tasks within the 50 ft. buffer.

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

- A. 19 Thornton Street
Repair and stabilize sea wall. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations.
- B. 20 Great Boars Head Ave
Partially constructed retaining wall. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations.
- C. 21 12 Butternut Hollow
Replace existing shed maintaining same perimeter footprint. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations.
- D. 30 Glade Path
To stabilize eroding bank; to install section of pervious pavers to replace patio blocks and to install new landscaping. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations.

ZONING BOARD ACTIONS - DECISIONS

None

DES ACTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Creating an off-site mitigation fund.
- B. Letter to new home owners that have 50' buffers on their property. This is a work in progress.
- C. 17 Vander pool - application withdrawal - restoration requirements. A suggestion was made to send a letter to the applicant thanking them for beginning the restoration. Mrs. Goethel motioned to talk to Atty Gerreald on how the Commission stands on repaving prior to writing a letter. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Parcels for sale that abut Twelve Shares/White's Lane. This is next to the conservation land and is inaccessible. Ms. Dionne will contact the owners to advise them that the Conservation would be interested in, but the current funding is low.
- B. Article regarding recent donation of salt marsh parcels. The suggestion was made to put a thank you in the newspaper. Draft an article informing the public of recent salt marsh donation.
- C. Huckleberry Lane culvert. Culvert money is available. Mr. Tilton motioned to write a letter regarding re-directing two sums of money to other Conservation Commission projects when designated. Mrs. Goethel seconded the motion. All in favor.
- D. White's Lane - signs. Mrs. Goethel suggested to post hunting signage. Further wording will be discussed. Mrs. Goethel will investigate the signage.
- E. Press Releases. Mrs. Goethel would like to start them again. Perhaps Ms. Dionne could take charge of this.

CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

TREASURER'S REPORT

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The site walk will be announced and will start at the Town Office Parking Lot.

Mr. Tilton motioned to adjourn at 10:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Raymond. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary