

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
August 23, 2011

**FINAL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson Jay Diener at the Hampton Town Office Meeting Room. Commission Members present were Barbara Renaud, and Peter Tilton. Alternates Mark Loopley and Diane Shaw were present. Commission Members absent were Ellen Goethel, Sharon Raymond and Steve Scaturro. Atermate absent was Gordon Vinther. Rayann Dionne, Conservation Coordinator, was present. Mark Olson was representing the Planning Board.

The Minutes of July 26, 2011 were accepted with corrections noted.

The site walk was held on Saturday, August 23, 2011 meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

1. 8 Battcock Ave.
2. 546 High St.

**NHDES APPLICATIONS**

- A. 8 Battcock Ave  
Thomas & Joni Babaletos, Owners  
Tom Huot, S & H Land Services LLC, Agent

This Standard Dredge and Fill Application is for the construction of a 8.7' x 24.9' pervious deck with grass beneath. Discussion ensued on the deck requirements and the Thruflow decking which comes in different panel sizes. The shed location was also discussed. After the discussion, Mr. Tilton motioned to not oppose the granting the construction of the 8.7' x 24.9' permeable deck with the following stipulations:

1. The crushed stone and weed fabric installed under the deck frame shall be removed and disposed of properly. This area shall be re-vegetated with a shade tolerant grass seed. Hydro seeding is not permitted.
2. The top of the slope along the western edge of the deck shall be planted with a salt tolerant shrub such as Rosa rugosa or Bay berry.
3. The Commission supports the applicant's willingness to remove the asphalt along the bank of the salt marsh, which is partially on the applicant's property and Town land. The area shall be replanted with Spartina alterniflora (salt marsh cord grass).
4. No fertilizers or weed killers shall be applied to the vegetation growing underneath the deck.
5. The applicant has agreed to use the largest Thruflow deck panels available, which are 36" wide and can span 18". The large span will help to reduce the amount of shading underneath the deck.
6. The Commission recommends leaving the shed in its current location, based on input from the Hampton Zoning Board.
7. The applicant has agreed to allow the Commission, following completion of the project, to inspect the deck biannually for two growing seasons. This type of decking is new to Hampton, and the Commission would like to monitor its effectiveness. The Commission will contact the applicant in the Spring and the Fall to inspect/monitor the growth of the shade tolerant vegetation under the deck.
8. The Commission is to be notified at the beginning and end of the project.
9. Applicant was made aware that permission to work on Town land must be obtained from Board of Selectmen. Conservation will write a letter to Board of Selectmen supporting this project.

This motion was seconded by Ms.Renaud. All were in favor.

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**SPECIAL PERMITS**

**A. 8 Battcock Ave.**

Thomas & Joni Babaletos, Owners

Tom Huot, S & H Land Services, LLC, Agent

This special permit is for the construction of an 8.7' x 24.9' pervious grated deck with grass beneath. Ms. Renaud motioned to recommend the granting the Special Permit (per the plan signed and dated by the Chair) with the following stipulations as stated in DES application on Page 1. The property owner needs to get permission from the Board of Selectmen to go onto Town land to remove some of the asphalt on the slope. Mr. Tilton second the motion. Ms. Renaud amended the motion to add inspection of the deck several times a year. Ms. Shaw seconded the amended motion. All were favor of both motions.

**B. 546 High St**

Douglas Reed Jr. & Linda Meissner, Owners

This Special Permit is for the construction of a low (platform) deck (17' x 8') beneath the existing 3-season deck. Deck will be supported by existing footings/foundation with 1/8" deck board spacing. Mr. Tilton motioned to recommend the granting of the Special Permit with the following stipulations and the usual stipulations.

1. The applicant has agreed to install permeable pavers instead of decking. The Commission requested this change because a 2006 approved Town Special Permit for converting the upper deck into a 3-season room stated that, "The area underneath the enclosed deck will remain open and of a permeable surface to allow for absorption in the buffer."
2. The permeable paver patio shall not extend past the inside footprint of the concrete footing/slab, which supports the upper 3-season room. The top of the pavers shall be flush with the concrete footing/slab.
- c. The applicant is aware that an updated plan including the permeable paver specification and a Construction detail will need to be presented to the Planning Board.
- d. The applicant agreed to contact the Conservation Commission Coordinator to conduct at least two inspections during the permeable paver base installation. The owner is also encouraged to photo document the installation of each layer.

Mr. Loopley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

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**PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS**

- A. 56 & 60 Beach Plum Way  
Reinforce existing sea wall. Approved with Conservation stipulations.
- B. 571 Winnacunnet Rd  
Repair of damaged footings, foundation and supports for 16 ground level decks. Install erosion barriers and rip-rap under decks. Approved with Conservation stipulations.
- C. 434 High Street  
Construction of 10 single-family condominium units. Approved with Conservation stipulations.

**ZONING BOARD ACTIONS - DECISIONS**

None

**DES ACTIONS**

- A. 56 & 60 Beach Plum Way  
Reinforce existing sea wall. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ice Pond Dam - Project Development  
The Commission discussed the current estimate from Dubois & King to update the 2009 Ice Pond Engineering Study. Due to cost the Commission voted to send out a request for proposals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Strengthening the Town's Wetlands Ordinances  
Mr Diener and Mrs. Goethel are working with Ms. Dionne toward updating/strengthening the Town's Wetland Ordinances.
- B. Usual Stipulation Review  
Review of one of the stipulations was plantings. If plants do not thrive within 2 yrs, they need to be replanted or replaced with another suitable plant species. A short discussion on the verbiage of the stipulation. The Commission was unanimous to accept the new language.

**CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE**

Mr. Diener stated that there will be a special meeting on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss two subjects: 1) decks and 2) invasive species control.

Mr. Diener reminded everyone that the site walks need to be attended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

No report given

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The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 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 8:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Renaud. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi  
Secretary