

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

February 22, 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 Ellen Goethel, Sharon Raymond, Steve Scaturro and Peter Tilton Jr. Commission Members Nathan Page and Barbara Renaud were absent. Alternate Mark Loopley was absent. Alternate Diane Shaw was present. Rayann Dionne, Conservation Commission Coordinator was present. Fran McMahan was present representing the Planning Board.

Mr. Diener welcomed Diane Shaw to the Commission as an Alternate.

The Minutes of January 25, 2011 were reviewed and accepted with corrections noted.

The site walk scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. was cancelled.

NH DES Applications

None

SPECIAL PERMITS

A. Winnacunnet High School

Agent - Gove Environmental Services - Lindsey O'Reilly

This revised site plan is for the irrigation/drainage for the pond outlet - which proposes to replace the sand bags with a stone berm outlet at Winnacunnet High school. Ms. Raymond requested that the applicant submit a copy of the plan that was stamped and signed by the Engineer. Mrs. Goethel motioned to recommend the granting of this amended Special Permit (per the plan signed and dated by the Chair) with the following stipulations and the usual stipulations. The stipulations pertain to both the dredging and construction of a pond.

1. All work shall occur during low water conditions.
2. The dewatering areas (filter bag and dredge stock pile) shall be restored with seed and mulch with salt hay, following the project completion
3. The Commission highly recommends yearly inspection reports on the swale and pond to monitor their condition and effectiveness.
4. The Conservation Commission would like to know the type of fertilizers and frequency of application to those fields that drain to the pond.

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

SPECIAL PERMITS (Cont)

- B. 497 Winnacunnet Rd - AME Engineering, Mike Edgar
Doug Bennett, Owner

This Special Permit is for the installation of a retaining wall and patio - revised plans. After a very lengthy discussion concerning the purpose and function of the concrete slab, Mrs. Goethel motioned to recommend the granting of this Special Permit for the construction of the retaining wall, but not the concrete slab, with the following stipulations and the usual stipulations. Also to send a note to the Planning Board stating no problem with the retaining wall but the installation of this concrete slab will result in an unacceptable increase in sealed surface within the 50 ft buffer with no proposed mitigation or storm water treatment and based on the slope of the concrete slab, all storm water from that slab will run off the end of the wall and onto the abutting property. Mrs. Goethel amended the motion to add that the elevation around the construction not be altered. Mr. Tilton seconded the amended motion. All were in favor.

1. The elevation outside of the retaining wall construction envelope will remain unaltered. No fill will be added to the wetland side of the retaining wall and no alterations to the current slopes around the building foundation.
2. No new or off-site material shall be used to backfill the retaining wall.
3. All storm water must discharge and be treated within the boundaries of the property.
4. A planting plan for the top and toe of the retaining wall must be submitted and approved by the Conservation Coordinator prior to installation.

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

PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

N/A

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

- A. 497 Winnacunnet Rd
Construction of a 4 ft. retaining wall to support two story deck system.
Continued to March 2, 2011 meeting.
- B. 15 Church St
Replace existing pavers with permeable pavers. Continued to March 18, 2011 meeting.

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS (Cont)

C. 72 Island Path

Removal of one story dwelling and construction of new building addition with deck. Construction of new pervious walk and driveway. Continue to March 2, 2011 meeting.

D. 101 Drakeside Rd

After-the-fact retaining wall. Approved with Conservation stipulations.

ZONING BOARD ACTIONS - DECISIONS

None

DES ACTIONS

A. 19 Dumas Ave

Repair of a rip rap seawall. Approved.

B. 101 Drakeside Rd

After-the-fact installation of a retaining wall. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review the draft Conservation Commission rules and procedure document. This will be reviewed at the March meeting.

B. Review the revised Usual Stipulations for Town Special Permits. Ms. Dionne proposed adding a statement to the stipulations that stated the Special Permit, if granted, expired in 2 years, and that tells the applicant where to get information on renewing that permit. Mr. Tilton motioned to move it on to the Planning Board. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

C. NH Association of Conservation Commissions - 2011 dues. Mrs. Goethel motioned to pay the dues and to inquire about the electronic newsletter. Ms. Raymond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rain barrel sales - The Commission was unanimous to sell the rain barrels again this year.
- B. 2011 Term Expirations -

Mr. Scaturro, Dr. Falk and Ms. Renaud are up for re-appointment. Dr. Falk has resigned. Ms. Dionne will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen.
- C. Nominating the Taylor River for the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. Ms. Dionne received an e-mail from Gayle Sweeney asking about the Hampton nomination.
- D. Board of Selectmen's Code of Ethics - the Commission will review and vote on it at the next month's meeting.

CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

Ms. Dionne reported that five new property owners received letters about the 50 ft. wetlands and six Expiration notices were sent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Renaud was not present to give the Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. Goethel mentioned that there will be a tour of the Batchelder Farm on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The site walk will be announced and will start at the Town Office Parking.

Mr. Tilton motioned to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary