

NHDES APPLICATIONS (cont)

A. 711 Ocean Blvd. (cont)

MOTION by Mrs. Goethel to not oppose, and therefore to not send a letter.

SECONDED by Ms. Raymond.

VOTE: All in favor. MOTIONED PASSED.

B. 50 Park Ave
Hampton DPW
Ryan Flynn

This Minimum Expedited application is to replace an existing 36" diameter, 20' long corrugated metal pipe culvert with a 10' x 5' x 24' concrete box culvert. Mr. Flynn addressed the Commission to explain why this culvert was necessary. The Commissioners had concerns about this culvert. Mr. Diener asked about the increased volume of water. Ms. Raymond was concerned that the culvert modeling was based on a pond scenario instead of a stream. Mrs. Goethel stated that there should be a drainage study done on the whole project that incorporated upstream and downstream culverts and conditions. Ms. Raymond concurred with Mr. Tilton that it is important to study the whole system and not just focus on one area/culvert. Mr. Vinther asked if there was any sediment in the culvert now. Mr. Flynn answered "yes". Mr. Vinther also asked what was the reason for replacing the culvert. Mr. Flynn explained that the current culvert is failing. Mr. Page asked where the culvert crossed. Mr. Flynn answered that the culvert crossed under Park Ave. to the High School tennis courts. Mr. McMahon stated there needs to be a bigger analysis done. Ms. Renaud concurred with the Mr. McMahon. Ms. Shaw also concurred that there is more to this project than just the culvert. Mrs. Goethel is concern that the water will be ending up in the marsh next to the tennis courts at the High School.

There were no public comments.

SUMMARY

The Commission is concerned that there have been no studies done on the downstream impacts of putting in a larger culvert at this location. It would not be appropriate to implement this project without understanding what those impacts would be, and without a plan for addressing those impacts, if they were shown to be significant. The Commission is not opposed to replacing the culvert, but feels that it would be irresponsible to proceed without knowing about those downstream impacts.

MOTION by Mrs. Goethel to not sign the Minimum Expedited application.

SECONDED by Ms. Raymond.

VOTE: All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. 24 Tuttle Ave.
John Maciejewski & Jaqueline McCallum

This Standard Dredge & Fill application is for the construction of a garage, porch and permeable paver patio. The shed will also be torn down and re-built. Mrs. Goethel and Ms. Renaud both stated that all objects in the back should be stored in the garage once built.

No public comments.

NHDES APPLICATIONS (cont)

C. 24 Tuttle Ave. (cont)

SUMMARY

The shed will be rebuilt closer to the front of the house and further from the wetlands. There will be a net decrease in sealed surface in the Wetlands Conservation District. The applicant has agreed to provide photos of the process of installing the permeable paver patio.

MOTION by Ms. Renaud to recommend the granting of the DES Application.

SECONDED by Mrs. Goethel.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

D. 311 Winnacunnet Rd
Seacoast United Soccer
Paul Willis
Gove Environmental - Agent

The applicant returned to address the Commission. Mr. Gove summarized the past meetings: grass pavers, leaving the fence where it is, rain garden installation, conservation easement and mitigation on site. The Commission has never endorsed a project that proposes to fill in wetlands. Therefore, the Commission cannot support the destruction of an acre and half of wetlands and buffer. Approval of such a project would completely undermine the purpose of the Wetland Conservation District and set a precedent that could have unfortunate implications for the Town on future wetland projects. The discussion continued on Planning Board Referral for the Town Special Permit for mitigation. Please see Planning Board Referrals.

MOTION by Ms. Renaud to oppose the granting of the DES application .

SECONDED by Ms. Raymond

VOTE: All in favor

MOTION PASSED.

SPECIAL PERMITS

A. 24 Tuttle Ave.
John Maciejewski & Jaqueline McCallum

This Special Permit is for the construction of a garage and porch and permeable paver patio. A shed is to be torn down and rebuilt. The Commission recommends the granting of the Special Permit (per the plan signed by the Chair) with the following stipulations and usual stipulations:

1. Applicant has agreed to move the items currently stored at the rear of the home and adjacent to the salt marsh into the garage or shed following construction. No additional items shall be stored between the rear of the building and the salt marsh.
2. Permeable pavers shall not be installed during heavy rain, snowfall or over a frozen base material.
3. There shall be no winter sanding of the permeable pavers because the application of sand will increase clogging and reduce permeability.
4. The property owner shall inspect the pavers annually for deterioration. Periodically, sweeping and joint filling may be needed.

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SPECIAL PERMITS (cont)

A. 24 Tuttle Ave. (cont)

5. Each stone base layer shall follow the manufacturer's specifications. It is important that each stone type be a uniform size as opposed to being a mix of several different sizes.
6. The applicant shall provide the following photo documentation of the permeable paver installation:
 - A. Photograph the patio area prior to and following excavation.
 - B. Photograph the installation of any Geotextile fabrics.
 - C. Photograph each base layer. (including a ruler that indicates the stone depth)
 - D. Photograph the patio following permeable paver installation.
 - E. Provide a copy of the documentation described above to the Conservation Coordinator and schedule a final site inspection.

MOTION by Ms. Renaud to grant approval of the Special Permit.

SECONDED by Mr. Tilton.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL

A. 311 Winnacunnet Road - Town Special Permit - Mitigation

Seacoast United Soccer

Paul Willis

Gove Environmental - Agent

Christian Smith, Engineer, Beals Associates

Mr. Gove summarized the past meetings: grass pavers, leaving the fence where it is, rain garden installation, conservation easement and mitigation on site. The discussion was centered on the proposed mitigation. Mr. Diener asked about the Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed and how would they be removed. Would knotweed be included in the Phragmites cutting? Mr. Gove stated that the removal of the Japanese Knotweed could be included. Mr. Diener proposed the use of grass pavers. Mr. Diener asked if gravel pave or grass pave would be used in the area. Mr. Gove responded that the gravel pave would be used instead of grass pave. Ms. Raymond was not seeing enough mitigation for the loss of the wetland. Mr. Tilton stated that the mitigation is not enough for the loss of the habitat. Mr. Diener asked about the run off. Ms. Renaud was concerned with the disturbance in the wetland. Mrs. Goethel stated the need for more mitigation. Mr. Gove commented that he was under the understanding that the Commission was going to look for additional mitigation. Mr. Diener suggested why not make all of the sealed parking spaces into gravel pave. Mrs. Goethel asked Mr. Gove how long the Phragmites process would be. Mr. Gove responded it would be a two year process. Mr. Page suggested to make the building smaller. Ms. Raymond suggested by taking away 10 parking spaces, it would help reduce the amount of necessary mitigation.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Sharon LeBlanc, 421 Winnacunnet Rd., spoke in opposition of the project. How will the Town of Hampton protect her home from flood water?

Carol & Tom Welch, 16 Penniman Lane, spoke in opposition of the project. They are very concerned about storm water run off after construction from both the new building, filling three wetland areas, and the increase in sealed surfaces. Their property is at a low elevation and are concerned that their property and that their home could be subject to flooding and cannot handle additional run off.

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PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL (cont)

A. 311 Winnacunnet Rd. - Town Special Permit - Mitigation

Tony Ciolfi, Morning Side Drive, spoke in oppositon of the project. His concern was the level spreader diverting water into the wetland and that more effort should be made to push the water away from the wetland. Mr. Ciolfi recommended parking spots along the northwest corner of the building allowing parking requiring less mitigation.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

Christian Smith, Engineer, Beals Associates, answered some of the drainage issues. Ms. Raymond reiterated to take away the ten parking spaces, don't pave and to use gravel . Mr. Smith commented that the northwest location is zoned RA. Mr. Diener suggested getting a variance and put parking there which would be further from the wetland. There were not a lot of suggestions for mitigation from the applicant. Mr. Smith stated he will look into parking plans.

Mrs. Goethel suggested moving the parking lot to lessen the impact on the wetlands and moving the building away from the wetlands. This would lessen the amount of mitigation needed.

SUMMARY

The revised plans show only on-site mitigation. The proposed mitigation involves two independent projects: wetland construction and invasive species control. Mr. Diener stated that town is not being adequately compensated for the loss of the wetlands on site. . Even though the wetlands in question are man made, the Town's Ordinance does not distinguish between natural wetlands and man-made wetlands. Mrs. Goethel cannot support the removal of uplands to create a new wetland on-site. Mr. Tilton stated that the building is already planned where it is and he cannot make a "yes"vote.

MOTION by Ms. Renaud to write a letter to the Planning Board saying the Commission is not in support of the proposed mitigation for 311 Winnacunnet Rd. because it is inadequate.

SECONED by Mrs. Goethel.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2012 Warrant Articles

The Commission discussed the Land Acquisition Fund for a Warrant Article. It was decided to ask for \$10,000 for the purpose of refunding the Hampton Conservation Land Acquisition Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Hurd Farm Signage Budgeted for 2012

Mrs. Goethel will discuss this with Ms. Dionne.

B. Inclusion of Planning/Zoning/DES actions in Conservation Commission Minutes

It was the consensus of the Commission to exclude these from future Minutes.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont)

C. Review of Phragmites spraying proposals for Landing and Drakeside Rd.

Tracey Degnon's proposal is for \$2612.00.

MOTION by Mrs. Goethel to go with Vegetation Control Services and expend the \$2612.00.

SECONDED by Ms. Renaud.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

D. Requirement of As-builts and Conservation Commission sign-off before C/O on major projects.

MOTION by Mrs. Goethel to have Ms. Dionne put deadlines on all restoration projects.

SECONDED by Ms. Renaud.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Renaud shared the 2012 Quarterly Report with the Commissioners.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The site walk will be announced and will meet at the Town Office Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Renaud to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

SECONDED by Ms. Raymond.

VOTE: All in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary