

Hampton Conservation Commission

April 20th, 1972

Chairman Peter Randall called the meeting to order at 7:45, with the following members present: Peter Randall, Ruth Stimson, Stillman Hobbs and Ruth Nutter. Mrs Margaret Lawrence and Mr. Willard Brownell were guests for the evening. Mr. Brownell, as a representative of Hamish Fraser Corporation, wished to discuss the plans for the proposed Aquarium. He had plans for the building, drawn to scale, with sketches of the surrounding terrain, and spoke in detail of the problems, the method of supplying water to the tanks, the educational benefits to the school children, and hopefully the interest to adults. He gave the Conservation Committee an Environmental Report, covering the topography, vegetation, and hydrography of the 13.5 acres recently purchased by Hamish Fraser Corporation. Mr. Brownell was most co-operative in answering all questions in detail, and provided an interesting and educational start to our meeting which followed.

This meeting was opened by the election of the Commission Officers for 1972-73, with the following results. Chairman, Peter Randall; Vice Chairman, Stillman Hobbs; Secretary, Ruth Nutter, and Treasurer, Ruth Stimson.

The minutes of the February 10th meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer announced that she had paid the annual dues of eighty dollars to the N. H. Ass'n

of Conservation Commissions. The Executive Secretary, Malcolm Taylor, sent us the minutes of the Board of Director's meeting of April 7th. A few of the highlights of this were mentioned. Ruth also brought other correspondence she had received to our attention. A letter from Leslie Clark, with accompanying literature, reminding us that time is getting short to enroll a boy or girl for Spruce Pond Camp in Allenstown. Also suggesting that we encourage other organizations to sponsor local youngsters. He stressed the importance of the youngster having an interest in Conservation. Peter, hopefully, has someone in mind who might be interested in this activity. Ruth read a letter from Malcolm Taylor, stressing the fact that N. H. needs offshore mineral deposits regulation. Ruth next read correspondence from George M. McGee, which was a copy of a letter written to George Bouras, of the Tri-Rent* All ordering him to cease and desist all filling of the marshes, at his place of business on Lafayette Road.

Ruth mentioned the fact that altho' for the time being, the request has been withdrawn to remove sand by Great Boar's Head, to be sold to Logan Airport, there was no guarantee that the originators of the plan would not try again in the near future. She gave out petitions for registered voters to sign, asking that a ruling be made to protect the N.H. Coasts, and that no sand be taken from under the water for commercial purposes. She also noted that the voters in our town concurred with the recommendation of the

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Budget Committee, and our Commission received the \$500 that we requested.

Under new business, the Secretary was asked to write a letter to Mr. McGee, thanking him for sending us the information concerning Tri-Rent-All.

Peter has been invited to attend a meeting on May 8th, with the Planning Board and Officials of the Public Service Co., concerning the Nuclear Plant in Seabrook.

Peter read a letter from Norman Cole, our Town Manager, reminding us that April 29th has been designated by the Governor as Clean-up Day, and we were given permission to plan and execute all necessary duties, and that the Town would furnish trucks and workmen. This last fact was verified in calling George Hardardt on the phone. The whole idea presents problems, it being vacation week, time is short, and could we depend on Boy Scouts. Ruth S. favored giving the day, and hopefully- it's ensuing activities, publicity in the papers, and the homeowners use a bit of their energy in cleaning up their own land, and possibly nearby vacant lots. Also, extending the time from one day to one week.

Peter made the motion that we attempt to organize groups to clean up roadsides on April 29, if and when we can get Boy Scouts and other civic organizations. Seconded by Ruth N-- Passed.

Adjourned at ~~10:00~~ 10 O'clock

Ruth Mutter - Secretary