

Hampton Conservation Commission

March 24th, 1975

The Chairman, Nelson Grant, opened the meeting at eight O' clock with Ed Loughlin, Stillman Hobbs, Ednapearl Parr, Irene Palmer, Ruth Stimson and Ruth Nutter present.

The minutes of the February 24th meeting were read and approved, after the changing of the word service to purpose, concerning the process and identification of land donated to the public. The Treasurer reported paying our annual membership fee to the N. H. Association of Conservation Commission<sup>s</sup> of \$80, and \$10 to the Environmental Coalition, a publication sent out every two weeks. This left a balance of \$1360.08. Stillman is to pick up our check for five hundred dollars voted this commission at the recent Town meeting. His report was accepted as read.

Old Business: Ednapearl brought the slides that Peter had taken of the marshes from an airplane, and at the present time they are in the custody of our Chairman, Nelson.

Ed reported that he had looked over the land off Perkin's Ave, recently acquired by this Commission and he will bring a tax map of this area, for the secretary to file.

Nelson read a letter from the South East Regional Planning Commission, concerning the Biery petition. The petition has been denied.

Nelson read the annual report of this Commission which he had written since the last meeting, and it was favorably received by all. The Secretary was instructed to have three copies made,

one for the Exeter News-Letter and the Hampton Union, and the third for the Selectmen, which was to be personally delivered to the Chairman, Mr. Eastman, and the original was to be placed in the Secretary's file.

Ruth Nutter showed the members the copy of the Easement given the Commission by Virginia Randall, Josiah Chase and Donald Chase, and was directed to write a letter to the Selectmen for a written approval on our Easement as we would like to acknowledge it publicly.

Under new business, Representative Greene's H.B. 362 was brought up. Ed reported attending a meeting in Portsmouth concerning this, and that it was a feeling of many of those present that the present wording weakens home rule.

Ruth Stimson talked to Representative Greene on the phone, to clarify various questions on H. B. 362. Mrs Greene stressed that this bill was a safeguard that should be passed before the Federal Government presents their own bill, which could well be detrimental to the entire coastal area. Hopefully, H. B. 362 would prevent this, and this Bill is only a two year stop gap.

Ruth Stimson made a motion that the Conservation Commission support H. B. 362, as we agree with the philosophy of establishing a Coastal Zone Management plan. We also believe the bill should be strengthened by placing emphasis on Home Rule by the voters of individual towns. A copy of this position statement is to be sent to Rep. Greene, Senator Preston, and Representatives Ednaparl Parr, Herbert Casassa, Wilfred Cunningham,

Laurence Gillis and Jane Kelley.

Stillman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Nelson showed the Commission members an application from the town to allow the Midstate Construction Corporation to work on storm drainage outfalls, at the Lafayette Road and Expressway intercepting sewer. There was discussion about this, as all the members had not inspected the site. Ednapearl made the motion that we go on record as approving the application, seconded by Ruth Nutter. All voted in favor except Ruth Stimson, who stated that she could not vote in favor of something she had not inspected. She requested that the Chairman notify the Secretary of any applications that he receives early enough to allow the members to inspect the areas before our monthly meetings, and the Secretary notify each member of the pending applications. Nelson agreed to this request.

The second application was from Joseph and Mary Fiumare, 579 and 581 Ocean Boulevard. The application called for clean sand and gravel -- 24 by 150 feet back to expand the house. Ednapearl moved that we go on record as approving Mr. Fiumare's application, seconded by Ed. This motion was passed unanimously.

The third petition presented was by Jane E. Besso. She requested permission to continue the placing of Rip-Rap with Mr. Dube, as described in the petition. Ednapearl moved that this be passed, seconded by Irene, and passed unanimously. Ednapearl will relay the votes.

of this Commission on these three petitions to the Water Resource Board.

Ednapearl made copies of all litigation in Concord on the Briery, Langley and Lamson properties, in violation of the dredge and fill laws. This is to inform us of the litigation from the Attorney General's Office.

Ruth Stimson made the motion that the Hampton Conservation Commission request Rep. Ednapearl Perr to file a bill to establish a Study Committee to identify tidal wetlands areas in the Town of Hampton and other Towns along the Coast. Such wetlands serve a public purpose according to the New Hampshire Legislature, and the Committee should file legislation to acquire the identified tidal wetland areas for public ownership by the state. Ed seconded this motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Ednapearl made a request that all members of the Commission whose term of office does not expire this month, contact the Selectmen, asking them to re-appoint the three members who are presently on the Commission, as it in reality takes a period of years to acquaint oneself with the question of Wetlands, to be of value as a Conservation member.

Ednapearl had borrowed from Mr. McGee's office several very large Wetlands Aerial Maps, showing proposals for conservation purposes, made in 1968. The members appreciated -- and availed themselves of the opportunity to study these carefully, and discuss various areas, particularly those most easily recognized.

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The next meeting will be held on  
April 28th.

This meeting was adjourned at 11 P M.

Submitted by

Ruth M. Nutter

Secretary