

Hampton Conservation Commission

Sept. 26, 1977

Our Chairman, Nelson Grant, opened the meeting at eight O' clock, with Irene Palmer, Ednaparl Parr, Loren Hutchins, Neil MacPherson, and Ruth Nutter present. Gertrude Sherburne and her husband were with us, as Gertrude had a Warrantee Deed of a certain tract of marshland, situated in Spring Marsh, containing three acres, more or less, which she wished to give to this Commission. This area is described as follows: bounded northerly by a creek; Easterly, by land formerly owned by Martin Sleeper; Southerly, by a creek; Westerly, by land of William S. Brown. Gertrude noted that this area is behind the Fire Station, and Norman Royal's restaurant faces it. Years ago this was owned by her father- and at his death, by her brother, Leonard A. Blake. At his death, his widow, Mrs Gertrude B. Fay, of East Falmouth, Mass. followed the wishes of her late husband, and gave the Warrantee Deed to Gertrude Sherburne to give to our Commission. Ednaparl made the motion, seconded by Ruth N. that we accept the land offered by Mr. and Mrs Sherburne, and with their permission, it be stipulated that it will be used forever as open marshland, and if there is any expense incurred, it will be paid for by this Commission. This motion was passed unanimously. Ednaparl then made the motion, seconded by Irene, that the names of Gertrude Blake Sherburne and Barbara Blake Brown, be placed on plates, and joined with the others on the Conservation boulder across from the Masonic Temple. This also passed unanimously.

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The business meeting began at 9 O'clock. Nelson spoke of the walk taken on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25th, led by Peter Olney, through the acres on which he is planning his development. Nelson and Ruth represented our Commission on this trip. Loren had previously covered this area. The Secretary read the minutes of the August 8th meeting; Irene moved, seconded by Neil, that they be accepted as read. Ednaparl informed us that Mr. Chamberlain is the Secretary in Mr. McGee's office, and if needed, can be reached by phone. Returning to the offer of Peter Olney in giving this Commission land, Nelson felt our acceptance would take property off the tax roll, approximately 500 x 100 feet. We would not have the freedom to put in a bird sanctuary or park, as there are restrictions on it. The question was raised, "How do we value land in it's significance of Conservation?". Another meeting will be set up with Peter Olney on October 24th, the secretary to contact him. Ednaparl made the motion, seconded by Ruth, that we pay Neil the registration fee of \$8 to attend the twelfth Annual Meeting of the N. H. Ass'n. of Conservation Commissions, to be held at U. N. H. The motion passed unanimously.

It was mentioned that when the Foss Co., made a road from the Exeter Hampton Expressway to their property during construction, that road was to be returned to it's original condition, This has not been done, and Loren will look into this in the Planning Board notes. Ruth noted that the annual application from the Town Manager for our budget has been received by her. After consideration, the figure

of \$1360 was decided upon. Broken down as follows:  
Land that will require legal expenses, \$150.00  
Annual Dues, \$95.00, Environmental Coalition, \$25.00,  
Telephone expenditures, \$40.00, Stenographic work,  
\$50.00, Travel expenses, \$100.00, Accumulation Fund  
\$500.00, Office expenses, \$50.00, and Mapping and  
Indexing, \$350.00. Irene made the motion, seconded  
by Loren, that this budget be accepted, and was  
passed unanimously. Ednaparl read a letter from the  
Army Corps of Engineers, stating that they had  
abandoned any plans they once had for work at North  
Beach, concerning erosion. The Legislature will dis-  
cuss this further. Loren made the motion, seconded  
by Ednaparl, that the Chairman be empowered to seek  
out the best size available map of Hampton, that  
can be colored in, one to be obtained for each  
member. The vote passed was unanimous in favor.  
Nelson mentioned that we might have a special work  
shop in which to do this. And finally, it was  
noted that there has been heavy equipment parked  
by the Ken Langley owned marshes off High Street.  
All are urged to keep an eye on this condition.  
The meeting was adjourned at ten fifteen.

Submitted by

Ruth M. Nutter, Secretary