

Hampton Conservation Commission

November 28, 1977.

Our Chairman, Nelson Grant, Loren Hutchins, Neil MacPherson, Irene Palmer, Ednapearl Parr, and Ruth Nutter met at seven thirty at the Selectmen's office, at the request of Peter Lombardi. The subject that he, and the Selectmen wished to discuss with us was our reaction to filling in the area at the rear of the Island Path Parking lot, to create additional spaces for parking. This would require 12, ~~000~~ ¹⁰⁰ cu. yds. of fill. In reply to the question of flooding abuttor's property, in case of heavy rains or extreme high tides, brought up by Nelson and Ednapearl, Peter illustrated the planned--- construction--- paving placed on top of the fill, with swales extending down the sides, for drainage to go into a catch basin. Mr. Lessard spoke of the area as it is at present as being a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and felt the project would be of benefit to all concerned. Nelson suggested that he get a petition for dredge and fill, and as soon as we receive our copy, the Commission will discuss the situation further. It was also suggested that a Public Hearing be held, so that the abuttors would have an opportunity to express their views.

At eight thirty, we went to the Library for our monthly meeting. The Secretary's report of the October 24th meeting was read. Neil moved, seconded by Ednapearl, that the report be accepted as read, and passed unanimously. In the Treasurer's report, Neil stated that there were no significant changes.

At eight forty, Peter Olney arrived. Loren gave us all 8 pages of a Conservation Agreement and the restrictions accompanying it, a copy of HB747, and a 7 page pamphlet on Conservation Easement. There is a tremendous amount of valuable information on these pages, all material that we, as members of this Commission, should be familiar with, and we appreciate the work involved in his making copies and bringing them to us. Loren explained the terms of easement concerning Peter's property, discussed at the Planning Board. The terms of easement remains entirely in our hands, with the Planning Board to be notified of our final decision. Loren made the motion, seconded by Ruth, that we hold a special meeting for further discussion. The motion passed unanimously, December 12th was selected for the evening, at 8 O'clock, and Peter will bring Clive Kappla, from the Society for the Protection of N. H. Forests, with him. At this point we returned to unfinished business. Ruth reported that Mr. Sherburne had been unable to get Gertrude's deed of marshland recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Ednapearl had talked with Gertrude, and was told that it was never properly signed off from Gertrude's father, to his son. Now all the heirs, brothers, grandchildren etc., have to sign off, before it can be recorded. It was mentioned that Mr. Kappla might be of aid to us in this problem, so for now the subject was dropped. Ednapearl spoke of the Consumer's Protection Agency, which is focussing their attention on rate hikes on electricity, water and gas. This agency feels that it is essential to reach N. H. citizens in a

door to door campaign. Two people have been hired to be coordinators. They will map out local areas for canvassing, coordinating literature, and to work with local groups. The "Vote No on the PSC Rate Hike" leaflet will consist of three detachable post cards, one mailed to the Governor and Council, one to the Public Utilities Commission, and one to the Campaign to stop the rate hike.

The workers hope to reach 50,000 homes during this campaign. Ednapearl noted that the Public Service, in reality, want a 27% increase in rates, rather than 17%. Fifteen per cent to pay off stockholders and the difference for cost of construction. A greater percentage of electricity, when available, will be sent out of our state. Mr. Bachus, the lawyer for SAPL, will be in Hampton, when the meeting is held here, to answer any questions of those attending.

Loren told us that trucks working on Great Boars Head are taking great quantities of fill to 2nd Street, and dumping it in an area where 10 acres of marsh has already been illegally filled. This fill is a continuation of that. Ednapearl will be in Concord Wednesday, and will confer with Mr. McGee about this, and Neil will take pictures to substantiate and illustrate the point of discussion. Hopefully we may soon get a cease and desist order. Ruth brought the brochure sent to her from the Office of Comprehensive Planning in Concord, which included program summary material, Senate Bill 189, and summary mapping. Nelson felt that it would be helpful for each member of our Commission to have

a brochure, so the secretary was requested to write to Don Oswalt, and ask for six more. Ruth brought up the fact that the Environmental Coalition had not been sending us monthly newsletters, which we had previously received, and said that she would write to find out the reason.

Nelson read an invitation from Mrs Ronald MacDonald inviting us to a meeting to be held at the Rye Library on Dec. 16th, at 7:30. Malcolm Taylor, Executive Sec. of the N. H. Ass'n of Conservation Commissions, Mrs. Strauss of the Portsmouth Conservation Comm. and Rep. Betty Greene will be among the speakers.

Our next regular meeting will be held on January 23, 1978. The Secretary gave Nelson a letter from Al Lavallee, requesting that we accept his resignation from this Commission. This is not due to a lack of interest, rather to a schedule so filled with school and personal duties, that there is no time left to attend our meetings. We shall miss him.

The meeting was adjourned at ten o'clock .

Submitted by

Ruth M. Nutter, Secretary.