

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 23, 1986

In Attendance: Peter Tilton, Chairman  
Irene Palmer  
Margaret Lawrence  
Allen Bridle  
Nelson Grant

Also: Arthur Moody

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The Chairman reported a Dredge and Fill application from the Town of Hampton had been received for work to be done between Winnacunnet Road and the existing sewer plant to serve a new development. The land in question was discussed and a letter of intervention will be filed. If this is successful, the Chairman will contact the members to set a date to view the site.

An application for reclassification of property near Fuller Acres filed by John Cahill was received and discussed by the members. This site will also be viewed.

Mr. Bridle inquired about the Yameen project and was advised the Wetlands Board had approved the project. This decision was discussed and the fact fill and dumping had not been removed as agreed by Mr. Yameen was also an issue in the discussion. On a motion made and seconded, it was determined that a letter would be directed to the State reconfirming the agreement made by Mr. Yameen that macadam and debris would be removed from the project site. A thirty-day condition will be a part of the letter's content and a copy will be directed to Mr. Yameen. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Lawrence expressed concerns about the appearance of the filled property near Jerry's Restaurant on Lafayette Road now occupied as "Gargoyles and Griffins." Storage trailers have been parked on the fill and it was questioned if they might be contributing pollution to the ground. Handling of general observations along this line were discussed and it was determined any action might be outside of the Commission's jurisdiction but the matter would be brought to the attention of other town agencies that might have interest. A concrete pad on the Delaney property at North Beach was also discussed along with its potential use possibilities.

Mr. Bridle inquired on the ground water regulations. He felt the Conservation Commission should have some role in making sure the ground water in Hampton is safe and suggested a meeting with the E.P.A. and water pollution boards for a public forum. This will be investigated with Ruth Stimson who is a member of the Hampton Water Works Advisory Council. These plans will be discussed at the next meeting. Tentatively, the forum will be planned for March 27 in place of the regular meeting. A letter will be sent to Miss Stimson inviting her to the next meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Bridle presented the December financial report.

Mr. Bridle reported he had an inquiry from Ashton Norton asking if the Commission was going to purchase the Fiumara land from the 'Moonies.' The members felt there was nothing to be gained in a purchase of this type. The removal of fill on this site was discussed as well.

Mr. Bridle also inquired about Ellen Goethel's "Marsh Guide" and the Chairman will check with Mrs. Goethel on the status of the project.

Mr. Moody joined the meeting and expressed an interest in the ground water issue and also entered the subject of land purchase for discussion. Mr. Bridle asked Mr. Moody's opinion on the location of land that should be considered for purchase. Mr. Moody felt the areas of aquifer, open space, and recreation should be the prime interest. He further suggested a study committee should be established for this. Mr. Bridle made a motion that the Conservation Commission sponsor the land conservation concept as outlined by Mr. Moody for the next Town Meeting. As there is a deadline for the Town Warrant, a special meeting will be held on January 30 at 7 p.m. in the Town Office Building with Mr. Moody to discuss his proposal for the "Conservation Land Bank." The members of the Commission will vote on the issue at that time.

Involvement of the local schools in conservation programs was discussed by Mr. Bridle and the other members of the Commission. Mrs. Palmer will check with the schools and it is thought the awards could be related to the science fair projects at the various grade levels through Junior High.

On a motion made by Allen Bridle and seconded by Irene Palmer, it was voted that the Commission would support an upcoming House Bill favoring the service of alternates on Boards with absentee members. The vote was unanimous and the Chairman will forward a letter to Concord in this respect.

Another upcoming House Bill regarding Conflict of Interest by individuals serving on Boards was also discussed.

There being no further business to come before the members of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Peter E. Tilton, Jr.  
Chairman - Hampton Conservation Commission