

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 28, 1992

Members Present: Jim Clifford, Chairman
Peter Tilton, Jr.
A. Reid Bunker, Jr.
Vivianne Marcotte
Alternate Dave Weber
Alternate Sheila Nudd

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Annual Report - Mr. Clifford said he presented the commission report to the Town Office, in conjunction with Mr. Tilton's proposal for the Town to allocate \$5,000 to the commission. The Town approved \$1,000 for the commission.

Mrs. Marcotte said she didn't have enough information to present to the Selectmen. Mr. Tilton said generally, the Chairman presents the budget. Mr. Clifford said he wasn't aware of the procedure. Mrs. Marcotte said items such as operating expenses for the commission secretary, mailings, etc. should be presented.

Mr. Clifford said the report he submitted said that 1991 was a significantly busy year for the commission. The commission's activities included finalizing the Perkins and Mace land procurements, advising the Zoning Board of Adjustment on several petitions, and placing an ad in the newspaper about starting a neighborhood conservation watch.

Message from Department of Environmental Services - Mr. Clifford read the memo, which said a hearing for Richard Downey was conducted in Concord.

New Application Forms - Mr. Clifford said the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions wrote that wetland applications have been altered, and the Wetlands Board will no longer accept applications done under the old forms and procedures.

Mr. Clifford said the new form should be at the Town Office. Mr. Tilton said the commission can still intervene on applications the same way they have been.

Plaice Cove Alterations - Mrs. Marcotte said the Plaice Cove Association met with a representative. When the Town repaired storm damage, they put in big boulders. There never used to be a barrier there, and now the driveways are flooding much more. It doesn't take much to disturb anything. She said Mr. Hankin is looking for federal money to see what can be done to waterfront houses.

Mr. Clifford said he didn't know why the percolation would be altered. Mrs. Marcotte said the week before this meeting, the water reached the boulders then. She said when someone tries to change coastal areas, a price will be paid in some way. Mr. Bunker said anyone who locates there takes a risk. Mrs. Nudd said after the October storm, she saw Town trucks at the public entrance digging up plants, etc. Mr. Clifford said the Plaice Cove Association

should address the Selectmen. Mrs. Marcotte said it may be something for the commission to look at. Mr. Clifford said someone will have to address the commission formally and then the members could take a site walk. He said he didn't know exactly where the Town land was. Mrs. Marcotte said the Town owns the sea walls, but the residents are responsible to fix them.

Honorary Commission Member- Mr. Tilton said he told Nathan Edgar he could be an honorary commission member who could attend meetings and become knowledgeable. Mr. Tilton said he couldn't vote, but he could have as much say as any other member.

Environmental Teacher Award - Mr. Bunker said the Forest Society Magazine announced its 10th Annual Environmental Teacher of the Year awards. The \$500 award is given in recognition of teachers who help increase students' awareness of environmental issues. The award is given to one teacher teaching grades K-6 and another teacher of grades 7-12.

Mr. Clifford said North Hampton Elementary has been selected as the only seacoast school to be in a pilot program. In the land in back of the school, a river runs through and meets the ocean, and there is habitat.

Mr. Tilton said they need to select someone in a leadership role. Mr. Bunker said the deadline for the nomination is January 31. Mrs. Nudd said she might know a Hampton teacher who should be nominated.

Environmental Grants - A listing of grants was presented. Mr. Tilton said they might consider a management plan for the Perkins land. He said it would be good to have budget committee members at the land. Mr. Bunker said they could have a meeting at the Blacksmith Shop. Mrs. Marcotte said reporters from the local newspaper could also come out. Mr. Clifford said that is a good idea, and the commission should find out what's there. Mr. Weber said berry bushes will attract birds, and he's also heard wild turkeys are in Hampton. Mr. Clifford said he could order plants, but someone needs to make a proposal. He said someone could contact the Urban Forestry Center.

Mr. Tilton said he would contact Stan Knowles. Mr. Bunker said he'd like to be involved in some aspect.

Mr. Tilton said they might be able to get funding from the Historical Society for the Blacksmith Shop. Structurally, it's not bad inside, he said. Mrs. Nudd said this could be a full-year project or more for students. Mr. Clifford said the youngsters would develop self-respect for the area. He said he thinks the DPW has the keys. Mr. Bunker said he would contact Ansell Palmer about the historical aspect.

Mr. Tilton said if time isn't critical, vocational education students could do some of the carpentry work. Mr. Clifford said he'd like to see younger students grow into it, but there could be conjunction between the two.

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Mrs. Nudd said she would get a map and a plot plan. Mr. Clifford said the Town of Goffstown had a plot of land they subdivided to create victory gardens. Mr. Tilton said he thinks it's Lester Blake's land. Mr. Clifford said he would call Mr. Blake and the Hampton Recreation Department.

Mr. Clifford said he spoke to Mr. Perkins, who told him anything on the property belongs to the conservation commission. Mr. Weber said he could make a sign.

Impromptu Meetings - Mr. Clifford asked how members felt about the impromptu meeting that was held to discuss the budget proposal. Mr. Tilton said it was a good idea, and the consensus was that more impromptu meetings should be held when needed.

Minutes - The minutes of December 17 were approved as written.

Adjournment - Mr. Bunker moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Marcotte seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Maureen Cummings
Secretary.