

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 23, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker, at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Jim Clifford, Rev. Robert Gollidge, Peg Lawrence, Sheila Nudd, Peter Tilton and Dave Weber.

The Minutes of February 23, 1993 were approved. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Weber. All were in favor.

Kenneth & Brenda Bouchard
55 Ocean Blvd.
Hampton, N.H. 03842

Brenda Bouchard attended the meeting to answer any questions the Commissioners might have after viewing the property on March 21st. The Bouchard's would like to rebuild a stone retaining wall on their ocean side and place gunite in the stones to reinforce them. A discussion ensued on the use of gunite.

Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose to the application, seconded by Mr. Weber. All were in favor. A letter will be sent to N.H. Wetlands Board.

Philip Palmer Trust

Mr. Bunker has sent another letter to the N.H. Wetlands Board asking for another extension of 30 days due to the snow covering. The letter was read to the Commissioners.

Committee Reports

Mr. Clifford gave a brief update on his meeting with Mr. Homer Johnson regarding a possible donation/conservation easement of land adjacent to the Perkins property for conservation. Ms. Nudd and Mr. Clifford will go to see this parcel of land & Mr. Clifford will drop off information to Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Nudd will do publicity for the Conservation Commission on a quarterly basis. She will also give a copy of the thank you note to Mr. Bunker regarding the donated land to the Town by Mrs. Dearborn.

Ms. Nudd has contacted the Boy Scouts about establishing nature trails at the Perkins property to no avail.

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A discussion ensued on the possible research into wildlife (including non-game) habitat at the Perkins property.

Mr. Bunker said there had been no report of interest from the High School on the Forest Society Programs.

Mr. Bunker stated that the Commissioner Re-Appointments were approved. Mr. Clifford and Mr. Weber were sworn in by the Town Selectmen and their Commission expires 1996. Amended Commission Member Listings were then handed out.

Mr. Bunker stated that D.R.E.D. had requested an extension in time needed to clean the Harbor. A short discussion ensued on this matter.

A discussion ensued on the appropriate times for site walks. Mr. Tilton suggested waiting till daylight savings time and utilize the evening hours. Mr. Bunker suggested the Tuesday before the Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor of this suggestion. This will be go into effect starting in April.

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 8, 1993, at 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mr. Bunker distributed flyers to the Commissioners. Mr. Bunker gave a reflection of last year's collection. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Clifford received a letter from Congressman Bill Zeliff inquiring about the Conservation Commission in Hampton regarding a Conservation Commission Directory. Mr. Bunker responded to the letter.

There was a fair amount of discussion on the Victory Garden. Ms. Nudd said that her work schedule would make it difficult to continue working full time as liason with the garden participants. She said she wouldn't mind working with someone and a Co-Chair was requested.

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A discussion ensued on the utilization of a small bathroom facility perhaps attached to the rear of the blacksmith shop. Someone else mentioned a portable facility. Mr. Bunker will talk with the Town Manager to get his opinion. Finally it was suggested the Chairperson for the Victory Garden owners meet with the Commission to discuss plans for the '93 season. Rev. Golledge will work with Ms. Nudd and Mr. Clifford on the Victory Garden.

Mr. Bunker received and read a letter from DRED (Dept. of Resources and Economic Development) regarding a status survey on threatened natural community types including "Atlantic white cedar swamps" and "coastal plain pondshore communities." A discussion ensued.

Mr. Bunker handed out blank Complaint Forms for the Commissioner's use if needed.

Ms. Lawrence wrote a letter to the N.H. Wetlands Board with pictures enclosed regarding property in a wetland area on High Street.

Mr. Clifford stated he had no response to the picture or article in the Town Annual Report.

Mr. Clifford questioned how many Commissioner Members can be on the Commission. Mr. Tilton stated seven (7). Mr. Bunker stated there could be several alternates also. Mr. Tilton also mentioned there can be as many sub-committees as needed.

Ms. Lawrence suggested inviting the Town Manager to one of the Conservation Meetings. Mr. Bunker will make the invitation.

Mr. Weber gave an update on the bird houses being constructed for the mosquito control at no charge. There are 50 houses coming to Hampton. A brief discussion took place as to placement and it was suggested we interface with the local mosquito commission.

The next Conservation Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Colledge motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Launi
Secretary