

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 28, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Jim Clifford, Vivianne Marcotte, Peter Tilton, Jr., Bonnie Thimble and Alberta True.

Mr. Bunker introduced Blanche "Bonnie" Thimble to the Commissioners. Bonnie is a new Alternate Commissioner.

The Minutes of November 23, 1993 were reviewed. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. True. All were in favor.

Wetlands Applications

Hampton Public Works **(South Beach - After the Fact)**

A complaint was filed with the Wetlands Board and an application was done. The Commissioners had done a site walk to view the sand that was piled up from dredging the Harbor only to find that storms had taken the sand back to the sea. The application, however, had to be filed. Ms. Marcotte motioned not to oppose seconded by Ms. True. Three were in favor with two opposed. Letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board.

Robert Scanlon **8 Beach Plum Way (Plaice Cove)**

Mr. Scanlon would like to raze and rebuild a single family home. Mr. Scanlon also planted marsh grass on his own and it is doing quite well. This marsh grass, among other things, stops erosion. Mr. Clifford brought in a sample of this marsh grass and gave a brief description. The Director of the DPW should be made aware of Mr. Scanlon's efforts as well as the neighbors. Mr. Scanlon stated that he would be willing to share his seedlings to plant in other dune areas to prevent further erosion. Mr. Tilton moved not to oppose, seconded by Ms. Marcotte. All were in favor. A letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board.

Hampton Water Works **(Off Rt. 51)**

Mr. Cote was available to answer any questions. A break in the water main located adjacent to the salt marsh required disturbance in this area to provide a temporary repair and permanent repairs to be completed when the ground is frozen. Mr. Clifford motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Ms. Marcotte. All were in favor. Letter will go to the Wetlands Board.

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N.H.State Liquor Commission
(Rt. 95 Southbound)

This application had been tabled from the November 23, 1993 meeting and a letter went to Mr. Downing at the Wetlands Board. Mr. Bunker reviewed the facts of the application and stated he had received a letter from the N.H. Dept. of the Fish & Game. The report had been sent to the Commission; however, it was not enough information for the Commission to make a decision. Mr. Clifford suggested asking the Fish & Game Dept. for an indepth study. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Clifford motioned to again table our decision until an opinion from someone in authority from the N.H. Fish & Game Dept. on the overall impact to the Taylor River and salt marsh estuary. Ms. Marcotte seconded the motion. All were in favor. Members from the State of N.H. (DOT) came to the meeting later and gave their revised presentation.

Matthew Moore, P.E., Christopher Bean, P.E., Jed Merrow, Wetland/Water Resources Specialist, and David Soper, P.E. addressed the Commission concerning the State of New Hampshire State Liquor Store on Interstate 95 Southbound. Matthew Moore was the speaker. Site walk with Frank Richardson of the Wetland Board and Peter Helm, Office of State Planning (Fish & Game) was conducted. A detention basin has been planned to catch the drainage of water from the parking lot. A discussion ensued. Mr. John Walker asked about emergency vehicles being being able to get through in a timely manner. Mr. Moore responded a road should be constructed for that purpose. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tilton stated he would like the endorsement from the Fish & Game Department. It was decided that upon receipt of such a report, reviewed first with the Commission, that we would not oppose the application.

Oakes of Hampton Realty Trust

Mr. Earl Kalil, Attorney for the Oakes, addressed the Commission and the presentation this evening was only to get input from the Commissioners on this project.

The Oakes had a Court Stenographer present to record the comments for this presentation. Mr. Richard Millette, P.E., gave an overview of the revised sub-division plan and handed out informational sheets showing what the changes are. These included:

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Response to Environmental Analysis Comments

Crossing at Presidential Circle eliminated
Filling 2500 SF eliminated
Buffers increased and added
Additional acreage to conservation
Relocate crossing at Hedman
No lots being filled for development

Response to Wetlands Board Staff Comments

Received comments from public safety officials
Add wet connection to new road at Lots 53-55
Downsize Lots 35 to 43 and 47, 48, 49, 51, 53

The overall impact on wetlands has been reduced from 47,000 sq.ft. to 16,000 sq.ft. and the number of building lots has been reduced to 67.

A discussion ensued regarding the above revised project and the Commission will study it further.

Planning Board Referrals

Huckleberry Woodlands, Inc.
(Phase II - 28 lot sub. div.)

Site walk and review with no objections. Notification will be sent to the Planning Board.

SK Properties
(450 High St. - 28 Unit Elderly Housing)

Robert J. Easkerville, P.E. attended the meeting to answer any questions pertaining to the 28 Unit Elderly Housing and gave a brief presentation of the project.
Site walk and review with no objections. Notification will be sent to the Planning Board.

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Wetland Appeal - D. McCarthy

Mr. Bunker stated that the McCarthy application is still under appeal for other improvements.

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
ZBA Application**

Mr. Bunker stated that he had viewed the site on which the Church would like to construct a shed on the side of the property. Mr. Bunker has responded that there were no objections.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bunker stated that as of November 30, 1993 there was \$7,029.11 in the Conservation Account. Mr. Clifford would like a breakdown of expenses perhaps on a quarterly basis. Mr. Bunker responded that could be done on a monthly basis.

Easement/Acquisition Matters

Hammond

The property that was to be donated to the Conservation Commission is not going to be donated. The family decided to keep it.

Tax Deed Properties

Pertaining to 16 acres of land, the selectmen decided to keep the parcel for conservation along with 2 small marsh land parcels. Files at the Town Office will be set up on each parcel.

Education/Seminars

Mr. Bunker stated that the New Hampshire Conservation Institute will sponsor 2 special courses in January focusing on land conservation planning.

January 11 - Land Conservation Community Land

January 12 - Legislative Preview & Processing

Both courses are sponsored by the Forest Society.

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Mr. Bunker mentioned several Teacher (K-8) Workshops that will be available and sponsored by the Audubon Society. Mr. Bunker will ask Ms. Nudd if she would like to look into this program. If no one is available to attend, perhaps someone from the Society can do a presentation in the Hampton schools for the teachers.

Capital Funding Plan

Mr. Bunker stated that the Commission had requested \$25,000 a year for the next 5 years. The Commission has not heard a response from the Town Office as yet.

Marsh Conservation Plaque

Mr. Bunker stated that Ms. Lawrence was investigating the cost of etching the names in the rock and this will be reported on at the next meeting.

Mr. Bunker stated that the Town Office is looking for material to be included in the Town Report which must be submitted by January 7th. These ideas must be in writing and given to Mr. Bunker.

Mr. Bunker stated that there are coastal New Hampshire matching grants that are available.

Victory Garden

Ms. Thimble gave a brief overview of the garden. Garden funds were collected from each person for the water bill. All the lots are taken. PVC will be put out into the garden and timed watering will take place per Mr. Clifford. This will be done in the Spring.

Mr. Bunker asked if new rosters were received by the Commissioners? They were mailed previous to the meeting.

Mr. Bunker again welcomed Ms. Thimble as our new Alternate and said further that Irene Palmer was interested in also becoming an Alternate for our Commission.

Mr. Bunker sent a letter of thanks to John Walsh, a Hampton Boy Scout, who did some cleaning-up of debris in the Twelve Shares area.

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Mr. Bunker has Zoning Board Minutes if anyone is interested in reading them.

The next regular site walk is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994, at 8:00 a.m., meeting at the Town Parking Lot.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Marcotte motioned to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary