

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

August 23, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Vivianne Marcotte, Bonnie Thimble, and Peter Tilton. Alternates attending were Peg Lawrence and Irene Palmer sitting in for Jim Clifford and Alberta True.

The Minutes of July 26, 1994 were reviewed and approved. Mr Tilton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Thimble. All in favor.

Mr. Bunker stated that Bonnie Thimble as Alternate Commissioner and Sheila Nudd as Commissioner had switched positions. This was approved by the Board of Selectmen. A revised roster was drawn up and handed out to the Commissioners.

Wetland Applications

Michael Desmarais
974 Ocean Blvd.
(Dennis Lafond, Builder)

A site walk was done. Mr. Lafond addressed the Commission. This application is for an existing single family oceanfront home to include: constructing frost wall under existing 170 sq. ft. room, new addition to existing house, installing front stairs off porch on oceanside, replacing street side stairs, raising elevation of driveway approximately 3", and install underground utilities. The application is needed because the impending work is in the tidal buffer area (100 ft. setback). One of the top concerns was the need for a step off the porch. A discussion ensued on the construction and placement of the step. Ms. Palmer motioned not to oppose the application provided the steps off the oceanside porch are not built. This was seconded by Mr. Tilton. The motion was carried with 5 not opposing and 1 abstaining. A letter will go to the Wetland Board.

Neal Gadwah
30 Hutchinson Dr.

A site walk was done. Mr. Gadwah addressed the Commission. Mr. Bunker stated that Mr. Gadwah had made application to the Zoning Board regarding setback on his lot. Mr. Bunker had sent a memo to the Zoning Board, however it was received late and it was voted by the Commission to oppose the variance but would be happy to discuss a smaller structure moved closer to the front of the property. The Zoning Board approved the zoning variance and now it is a State Wetlands Application. This application is to construct a 16' x 24' garage (single car with storage/work area). Discussion ensued on the location of the garage being too close to the wetland area. Mr. Tilton asked what Dori Wiggin's stated criteria was for considering a wetland application. Ms. Marcotte stated it was to show the need and that there was no other way. Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose the application as long the the structure is reduced in size to 12' x 24' and that the northeast corner of the garage be located adjacent to the southwest corner of existing house. Ms. Marcotte seconded the motion. All in favor. A letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board.

Christine Oliver
1024 Ocean Blvd.

An earlier site walk had been conducted. This application is to up-grade the rip-rap wall by adding rocks, rebuild existing wood decks on existing footprint, rebuild wood stairway to the beach over the rip-rap and dig a trench for underground utilities and backfill. Jessie Box, the Contractor, addressed the Commission on this application. Discussion ensued. Ms. Marcotte motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor. A letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board.

Warren Bambury (Proposed Wetland Applicant)
Gill St.

Mr. Bambury addressed the Commission. Mr. Bambury had purchased a house and would like to add a garage to the rear of the building. Since the lot line goes out into the wetlands, Mr. Bambury will need to fill out a Wetlands Application to proceed with his plans. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Bambury was cautioned that any improvements to this building would require a wetland permit, but that any construction of a garage to the rear of the building would be opposed by our Commission.

Lucille Batchelder
Exeter Rd.

This is a ratification. This application is to dredge an existing pond out in the field and put in another pond, clean out swails and put in a short access road for farm equipment. Mr. Bunker stated that the Commission had no opposition to this endeavor and sent a letter to the State.

Treasurer's Report

There is a balance of \$7,635.05 in the Conservation Commission Account. There was no expense for the month, only interest income of \$14.99.

Wetland Issues/Actions

Mr. Bunker stated that Mr. Scholl, Thornton St., Hampton, regarding some dune removal and his contractor Paul Carey, is under fine consideration by the State.

Mr. Doherty, off Kings Highway, restoration consideration notice; 30 day request removal of rip-rap placed on bank of Eel Creek.

A letter to Mr. Hett, Nor'East Lane, regarding dirt piles on his property.

TLN Realty Trust was approved conditionally. (Drakes River Development, Towle Farm Road)

Othmer was approved. (11' x 12' deck on cottage in buffer zone.

ZBA

The ZBA meets on Thursdays and has met last on 8/18/94.

Mr. Baptiste from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church asked for a letter regarding the construction of a garage. Several Commissioners completed a site visit and a letter was sent to the ZBA with no objection.

Other Conservation Business

Mr. Bunker received a call from Mr. Steve Wallace, Planner for the NH Coastal Program who would like the Hampton Conservation Commission to sponsor a joint meeting with area Conservation Commissions, Hampton Falls, N. Hampton, Seabrook. The purpose would be to allow the Audobon Society, the Forest Society, the Co-operative Extension Service to speak to the group on current programs. Ms. Marcotte will set up time and reserve the library.

Mr. Bunker discussed several educational publications were available with several interesting articles, courses and seminars.

Mr. Bunker has information on 1995 Recreation Grants Applications being sought. Federal matching funds up to 50% of land and water conservation fun program. Communities can use the funds to purchase conservation and park land development and improve municipal park areas.

The Bulletin from NH Conservation has a good article regarding municipalities (51) which return all or a portion of the current use change fees to their Conservation Commissions for future land/easement acquisitions. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Bunker stated the Annual NH Coastal Clean Up is coming up on Oct. 1, 1994. Volunteers are needed.

Mr. Bunker stated that two parcels of land were conveyed to the Town by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rehlers, located at Island Path and Garland Street.

Budget

Information for the 1995 Budget needs to be in the Town Office by September 14, 1994. Mr. Bunker gave an update of 1994 expenses thru 6/30 and recommended a minor \$100 increase over the 1994 Budget.

Projects/Committee Reports

Ms. Lawrence asked about the Conservation Marker. Mr. Bunker stated he had talked to Fish & Game regarding a donation of \$300.00 toward the new marker. If they do this the Commission will have \$600.00 toward the marker all total. This leaves a balance of \$150.00 if the donation is received. Ms. Launi will check with the Grange to see if they have information on the donation.

Ms. Thimble stated that the victory garden is doing well.

Wetland Ordinance

Several changes were made to the re-drafted Ordinance. Copies of the final draft will be sent to the Town Manager, Selectmen, ZBA, Building Inspector, Planning Board, Tax Assessor and Marjorie Swope of the NH Conservation Commission for comment.

Mr. Weber called Mr. Bunker to let him know he made a verbal complaint to the Secretary at Winnacunnet High School, Superintendent's Office regarding debris dumped in a wet area adjacent to the tennis courts and asked them to clean it up.

Mr. Bunker told the "swamp cops" at the State Wetlands office that our Commission would be happy to help them out regarding wetland complaints filed recently.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office. The site walk will be on Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m. meeting in the Town Parking Lot.

Ms. Marcotte motioned to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary