

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 26, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Vivianne G. Marcotte, Chairperson, at 7:05 p.m. Also in attendance were Betty Callanan, Bonnie Thimble, and Alberta True. Alternates attending Peter Kowalski, sitting in for Peter Tilton and Ken Sheffert, sitting in for Dave Weber.

The Minutes of October 22, 1996 were reviewed. Ms. Thimble motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Ms. Callanan. All were in favor.

Wetlands Applications

State of New Hampshire
Dept. of Transportation

This application was to excavate the channel to provide relief from marsh flooding, construct breakwater, and stabilize some of the vertical faces washed out during the flooding. Mr. Kowalski motioned not to oppose this application, seconded by Ms. Callanan. The Commissioners voted unanimously not to oppose this application for emergency work done at this site. However, it was felt that this remedial work would not solve the existing problem. A letter will be sent to the Wetland Board.

Jeff Houston
Ocean Blvd.

The Commisisoners have visited this site. Mr. Houston addressed the Commission and answered questions. This application is to level the existing multi-family house and build a single family home within a previously developed 100 ft. tidal buffer zone. As mentioned in a letter from Jennifer Heinrich, Wetland Scientist, NH Soil Consultants: - "with this change the build footprint within the tidal buffer zone would be reduced from 4 family to one family and there will be no direct impact to jurisdictional wetlands associated with this project". A discussion ensued. The Commissioners feel that Mr. Houston's proposal will be an improvement in the use of this lot. However, because of the high water table in this area and the proposed home's proximity to the marsh and neighbors, it was asked that the engineer keep both the terrace and driveway surfaces permeable. With Mr. Kowalski's motion not to oppose as along as the terrace and driveway are kept permeable surface^s, seconded by Ms. Thimble, the vote was unanimous not to oppose this application with that condition. A letter will be sent to the Wetland Board.

Referral - Planning Board

Martin Ferwerda
346 High St.

This referral from the Planning Board is a proposed road and new subdivision. Ms. Marcotte read the proposed plans from the Minutes of the Planning Board as Commissioners reviewed the blueprints. The major concerns were the drainage, aquifer and water contamination. A long discussion ensued. Concerns were raised of additional water on High St. and contamination of the aquifer and town water supply. With 90 days to respond, this referral will be discussed with the absent Commissioners. Ms. Marcotte will reply to the Planning Board.

Wetlands Bureau Actions

1. Richard McLeod - received permit
2. Margaret Dennett/Linseman - received permit
3. Batchelder - received extension

Violations

No. Shore Realty Trust
Received letter from DES Wetland Bureau. After-the-fact application needs to be submitted by December 20, 1996.

Project Reports

a. Ordinance

Ms. Marcotte reviewed the recent changes made to the newly revised Ordinance. With certain grammatical corrections made, this will be going before the Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 1996.

b. Grant Project

Ms. Marcotte gave a brief update. The culvert is installed on Drakeside Rd. Pictures were passed around of the installation.

Project Reports (continued)

c. Society for the Protection of NH Forests - Land Protection

The Society is sponsoring a two-part workshop to discuss estate planning options for landowners. The workshops will take place on Tuesday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 10 from 6:45 to 9:30 pm at the Lane Library in Hampton. These workshops will show how creative solutions can provide financial benefits as well as meet the conservation goals of the landowner.

The workshops are co-sponsored by the Conservation Commissions of the Towns of Hampton, Hampton Falls, N. Hampton and Rye, the Rockingham Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

d. Victory Garden - Blacksmith Shop

Ms. Thimble gave an update on the Victory Garden - Blacksmith Shop. Our Commission is working with the Heritage Commission to help preserve this last of the original four blacksmith shops in Hampton. Experts have dated this one to the early seventeenth hundreds.

Correspondence

Ms. Marcotte reviewed brochures, workshops and phone calls for the month.

Ms. Marcotte gave a brief update on the Annual Conservation Meeting held in Concord on Saturday, November 2, 1996.

Financial Report

Ms. Launi stated that there is \$13,774.40 in the account.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Selectmen's Room. The site walk will be Saturday, January 25, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. meeting in the Town Parking Lot. There will not be a meeting in December unless an emergency arises. Happy Holidays to all.

Mr. Kowalski motioned to adjourn at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sheffert. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary