

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 25, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Vivianne G. Marcotte, Chairperson, at 7:10 p.m. Also in attendance were Ralph Fatello, Dan Gangai, Ellen Goethel, Nancy Olney, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton, Jr. Alternate attending was Dr. Ralph Falk. Absent was Fred Palazzolo.

The Minutes of November 23, 1999 and December 28, 1999 were reviewed. After reviewing both Minutes, Mrs. Goethel motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections seconded by Ms. Olney. All were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mike Parsont
Foss Proposal

Postponed to February 22, 2000 Meeting.

- B. Brian DeVellis
Seacoast Crossroads Realty Proposal

This was withdrawn.

NH WETLAND WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

- A. WCV Inc - duplex on lot #163

Attorney Craig Salomon and Gary Swanson of New Hampshire Soils presented WCV Inc.'s proposal for the building of a duplex on lot #163. Mr. Swanson stated that the impact for this construction would be in the 50 to 100 ft. tidal buffer and within the 50 ft. fresh water buffer. Atty. Solomon explained the roof drainage proposal for these lots. The sensitivity of this area, including the drainage problems from both tidal and fresh waters of this lot was one of the main concerns. This lot is almost entirely within the 50 ft. buffer; therefore cannot be impacted as our Ordinance dictates.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to oppose the granting of this permit because the addition of sealed surface would deteriorate the drainage of the area and have negative impact on abutters and our Town's Ordinance prohibits any development within the 50 ft. buffer. This was seconded by Ms. Thimble. The vote was unanimous to oppose the granting of the permit.

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NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS (cont)

B. WCV Inc. - duplex on lot #164

Attorney Craig Salomon and Gary Swanson of New Hampshire Soils represented Phil Serowick of WCV Inc. and presented a proposal to build a duplex on lot #164. The proposed building along with 4 ft. of temporary impact for construction, is to be within the 50 to 100 ft. tidal buffer. It is to be totally outside the first 50 ft. of buffer. There was much discussion about the drainage in this area. Although both lots 163 and 164 are higher than the surrounding area (having previously been filled) it was the consensus that sealed surface on these lots would exacerbate the flooding problems of the area and impact the abutters. Mr. Salomon explained the proposed roof drainage and how it was to be directed to a drainage swale and then north toward the culvert. Mr. Salomon and Mr. Serowick said that this proposal would "take care of its own mess," that the flooding problems in the area were the Town's concern, that the Town is responsible to correct the conditions here. Mrs. Goethel said that these buildings would add to the existing flooding conditions and that we have to look at the conditions of the area today and not what might be after restoration work is done. We don't know when corrective drainage measures will take place.

There was more discussion about State and Town buffer regulations. Then many voiced concern of having more buildings in buffer. The flooding from both fresh and tidal waters in this small area and the addition of more sealed surface was again discussed.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to oppose the granting of the permit for the same reasons as lot #163. The proposed building on lot #164 is only a few feet from the one on lot #163. It's too much impact on such a small area with a serious drainage problem. This could only negatively impact the abutters. This was seconded by Mr. Tilton. The motion carried 6-1.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Island Path and Salt Marsh Restoration petitions to be on ballot.

Ms. Marcotte stated that the Island Path and Salt Marsh Restoration petitions had the necessary signatures and will be on the ballot.

B. Violations

- 1) Savastano deck violation - to be corrected by February 17, 2000

It was noted that February 17, 2000 was the deadline date for the deck restoration of the Savastano property.

2. Norman Royal - area off Brown Ave in better condition

The conditions at the Royal property off Brown Ave. had been somewhat corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Deliberative session of Town Meeting - Feb. 5, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. at Winnacunnet High School Auditorium

Mrs. Goethel said that the meeting was scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

B. Town Report

A copy of the Commission's 1999 year's end report was distributed to all members.

C. Publicity

The usual \$5,000 allocation to the Conservation Land Fund will not be requested this year. Mrs. Goethel is to make public the reasons why this is the case.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Marcotte shared the month's correspondence. Ms. Bettina Eames contacted Ms. Marcotte to voice her interest in serving as alternate. She will be attending future meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Marcotte reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The site walk will be held Saturday, February 19, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Olney. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary