

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 28, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Marcotte. In attendance were Ralph Fatello, Ellen Goethel, Nancy Olney, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton. Absent was Daniel Gangai and alternative Dr. Ralph Falk and Fred Palazzolo.

The Minutes of February 22, 2000 were reviewed. Mrs. Goethel stated that the vote to compose a letter to the Editor stating the Conservation Commission's opposition to Article 63 on the Warrant was omitted from the February 22, 2000 Conservation Meeting. The vote had been to have Mr. Tilton compose the letter & Mrs. Goethel was to bring it to the local paper. Also, the letter regarding Jones Lobster, page 3, number B, under New Business of the February 22, 2000 Conservation Meeting, was submitted to the Town Manager and Planning Board on behalf of the Conservation Commission. With these corrections noted, Mrs. Goethel motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

Project SERVE - Winnacunnet High School Senior Project
Presentation

A. Salt Marsh Restoration

Nancy Divine & Ashlee Palmer chose to incorporate their Senior Project with Project SERVE of UNH. Salt marsh restoration was their topic. They researched the history of our marshes and their deterioration. The girls' project included the writing of articles for the local newspapers giving a brief overview of salt marsh history, the deterioration, the restoration, and funding of the restoration process, and its importance. The girls' presentation included hand-outs, poster pictures, and the reading of the published articles. Julia Peterson of UNH's Project SERVE and Mr. Beattie of Winnacunnet High School's Senior Project were in attendance. Mrs. Goethel thanked the girls on behalf of the Commission and commended them for a great job.

B. The Open Space Survey presentation will be made
at the April Meeting.

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NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

- A. Town of Hampton DPW
Richards St. Sewer Line Replacement

This was an expedited application. Ms. Marcotte signed off this minimum impact application to replace a sewer line.

- B. WCV, Inc.
Nudd Ave., Brown Ave.

An amendment to file #2000-00148 was sent regarding a proposed driveway onto Brown Ave. to access this lot. Again, the concern was the impact on abutters especially if lot should be filled to accommodate this driveway. There was also mention of the impact and safety of a Brown Ave. access. Mrs. Goethel motioned to send a letter to the Wetland Bureau regarding the WCV proposal. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. Kevin Montville
Bruce Street

This Special Permit is for a sewer line connection. Mrs. Goethel motioned not to oppose with the condition that care be taken to protect the existing trees and brush that lie between the construction site and the wetland and that the area of construction be returned to its preconstruction condition. Mr. Tilton seconded with all in favor.

- B. TBC, Inc.
400 High St

This Special Permit is for temporary impact in the buffer zone. Mr. Tom Nigrelli addressed the Commission. The Planning Board voted to approve the 20 two-bedroom condominium units at 400 High Street subject to the following:

No disturbance of the existing ground is allowed with the 50 ft. wetlands buffer for any reason.

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SPECIAL PERMITS (cont)

B. TBC, Inc. (Cont)

After reviewing the plans with Mr. Nigrelli, Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose with the stipulation that the buffer be restored with plantings and follow the erosion control guidelines. This was seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

WETLAND BUREAU ACTIONS

A. Carroll - Winnacunnet Road - Letter from David Price, Wetland Inspector to Ms. Carroll.

As a result of the coordination effort to study the erosion problem DES feels that the appropriate approach to the problem is a comprehensive analysis of engineering and environmental studies to fully understand the dynamics of the tidal system in this area. This comprehensive approach is the best way to find a long term solution to the type of erosion problem in a tidal system. It was left up to the Carroll's how they would like to proceed.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL

A. Development at end of Mohawk & Pawnee Streets

This project was accepted and approved by the Planning Board on March 22, 2000. The conservation easements on these two lots had been dropped. Recommendations of the Conservation Commission were sent to the Planning Board stating our displeasure with the elimination of the conservation easements and stating Article 2.3.1.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Both warrant articles passed by significant margin - Salt Marsh Restoration by 74 percent of the vote and Island Path parcel by 59 percent of the vote. The Commission would like to thank the voters for their continued support.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

- B. Ongoing search for mitigation sites for Foss proposal.

An inspection of possible sites with Federal & State Agencies, NH Soils and Ms. Marcotte was held on March 23, 2000.

- C. The Meadow Pond Farm Corp. Conservation Easement was recorded on March 22, 2000.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ms. Marcotte attended a Conservation Easement Stewardship training workshop on Wednesday, March 22, 2000 and Saturday, March 25, 2000 in Kingston.
- B. There were several Scholarship Applications submitted. Mrs. Goethel will follow-up.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Marcotte reviewed Seminars, Brochures and Workshops.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The site walk will be held Monday, April 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Ms. Olney. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary