

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 25, 2000

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

The Minutes of March 28, 2000 were reviewed. Ms. Thimble motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections as noted, seconded by Mr. Fatello. All were in favor.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATION

- A. Unitil
Exeter & Hampton Electric Company

This application is for installation of poles and electrical equipment. There is need to fill an area to accommodate the equipment. Pipes will be installed to keep the drainage on site. A site walk was done. After a short discussion, Ms. Thimble motioned not to oppose the application. This was seconded by Ms. Olney. All were in favor. It was the consensus of the Commission this project would need a Special Permit.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. Ronald Girard
17 Bragg Ave.

This Special Permit is for the construction of a deck within the 50 ft buffer. There is an abandoned barge also that is in the marsh area of his property that was washed in after a storm. A site walk was done. After a brief discussion Mr. Fatello motioned not to oppose this application with the three stipulations: 1) remove the cement block patio; 2) the deck should be open above and below so water can filter through; and 3) the Commission should be notified after completion. This was seconded by Mr. Palazzolo. All were in favor. It was the consensus of the Commission to investigate the ownership of the barge.

- B. WCV, Inc.
47 Nudd Ave.

Attorney Craig Salomon and Phil Serowick addressed the Commission. This Special Permit is for the demolition of a cottage and the construction of a duplex. The State has given approval for this lot

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SPECIAL PERMITS (cont)

- B. WCV, Inc. (Cont)
47 Nudd Ave.

as long as it stays within the approximate footprint. What was proposed in this application was not acceptable because it increased the footprint in the buffer. After much discussion the applicant said that he would pull the building forward to the 4 ft. front set back. With this configuration the rear of the new building would be in line with the existing rear wall of the cottage. This would leave a small area approximately 1 1/2 ft. by 20 ft. or 30 sq. ft., that would be an increase in the buffer on the east side of the building. Ms. Olney voted to recommend a permit for this alternate proposal, seconded by Mr. Fatello. There were four in favor and one abstaining. The vote, however, was unanimous against the original proposal in this permit application.

- C. WCV, Inc.
45 Nudd Ave.

This special permit is for the demolition of a cottage and the construction of a duplex. This entire lot is within the buffer. Therefore, the request for a 36 x 36 building here was out of the question. The footprint of any new building would have to be 31 x 26 or 806 sq. ft. for this is what is existing on this lot. (The vote was to deny the proposal as presented on this application.) After much discussion the configuration that the Commission recommended was to have the new building 31 ft. long, along the street, and 26 ft. deep. It would be 4 ft. from the front lot line. In this way the building would be pulled out and away from the the wetland and there would not be an increased footprint in the buffer. All were in favor of this configuration.

- D. Thomas Moulton
6 Merrill Industrial Drive

This Special Permit is for the construction of storage sheds. Mr. Moulton addressed the Commission. A site walk was done. Two storage sheds which are already on the premises must apply for a Special Permit as it was put there without

SPECIAL PERMITS. (Cont)

D. Thomas Moulton (cont)

permission. After a discussion, Mr. Moulton withdrew the application because the sheds would have been built in the buffer. Mr. Fatello later mentioned that much debris had been disposed of over the banks in that area.

Mr. Richard Grenier, Highland Ave., addressed the Commission with his concerns of flooding conditions. (both tidal and surface) Mr. Grenier shared pictures he had taken of the area. A tidal flood gate is proposed for Brown Ave. Ms. Marcotte stated that later in the Spring, work is scheduled to begin in the Charles St. marsh and the drainage swales leading to it. The culvert should be replaced in the Fall.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL

A. Woodlands Estates of Hampton
Off Woodland Rd

The Commission was opposed to Lots 6,7,8 and 9 due to soil conditions this Spring, documented with photos. These concerns will be added to the list already submitted to the Planning Board in a previous letter. The homes would more than likely have water in the basements. The Commission has grave concerns with the placing of homes in this area. Ms. Marcotte will send a letter to the Planning Board.

WETLAND BUREAU ACTIONS

- A. Woodlands Estates of Hampton
Permit was granted to cross wetland.
- B. WCV, Inc.
Permit was granted for 47 Nudd Ave. Lot #153 in approximately same sq. ft. footprint.
- C. Hampton Water Works
Emergency authorization for broken water main in the marsh (101).
- D. Town of Hampton DPW
Permit was granted for Richards St. sewer line.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Scholarship Applications

There are two applicants for the High School Scholarship. Mr. Fatello motioned to have Mrs. Goethel recommend one of these students, seconded by Ms. Olney. All were in favor. A teacher at Hampton Academy Jr. High will select a student to receive the Conservation Commission Plaque at graduation.

B. New list of mitigation sites for Foss Proposal was presented by Ms. Marcotte.

C. Project SERVE update - open space survey

Megan Flemming, a senior seminar student at Winnacunnet High School, is working with Project SERVE, an organization at UNH, to conduct a survey for the Conservation Commission as a requirement for her senior seminar course. She is conducting a survey asking people their feelings or wishes regarding open space. She will be presenting the results of this survey at the May Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Victory Garden

Ms. Thimble stated that the first meeting for the Victory Garden will be on Thursday, April 27, 2000. Volunteers are needed for the up-coming garden tour. Ms. Thimble also stated that the Victory Garden will donate the plaque for the graduating Jr. High Student Scholarship recipient.

B. Donation of two marsh areas to the Town.

An Island Path marsh parcel and one at the end of Manchester St. were donated to the Town from the Estate of Florence Proebsting. Ms. Marcotte sent a letter to the Selectmen recommending that they accept these parcels.

C. Ms. Marcotte reviewed that phone requests she received during the month.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont)

- D. The Commission voted to have Ms. Marcotte be the Conservation Commission's representative on the Hampton Beach Master Plan Committee.
- E. Ms. Marcotte received a letter from Mr. John Hangen for proposed drainage repairs for Gentian St. & Joann Lane. Permits will be needed. It was suggested that the pollution of this drainage should be addressed as part of this project.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Marcotte reviewed seminars, brochures and workshops.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Marcotte gave an overview of the Treasurer's report.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2000 meeting in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be held on Monday, May 22, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Parking Lot.

Ms. Thimble motioned to adjourn at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fatello. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary