

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 22, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vivianne Marcotte, Chairperson. Present were Ralph Fatello, Ellen Goethel, Bonnie Thimble, Peter Tilton, Jr., and Nancy Olney. Absent was Dan Gangai and alternate Dr. Ralph Falk. Alternate Fred Palazzolo was present, sitting in for Dan Gangai.

The Minutes of July 25, 2000 were reviewed. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections. Ms. Olney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATION

- A. Town of Hampton - Marsh Restoration
Charles St.

Mr. Mike Morrison addressed the Commission. This wetland has problems with sedimentation, reduced tidal flow and invasion of invasive plants (Phragmites, etc.). Ted Diers of the NH Coastal Program and Sue Hoey of the NRDS will be checking the elevations for the culvert and self-adjusting tide gate on Wednesday the 23rd. After a discussion and review, Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. Woodland Estates Development
Woodland Road
16 Lot Subdivision

Mark West, West Environmental, and Jonathan Ring, Jones & Beach Engineers Inc., addressed the Commission. This presentation was to review the issues regarding wetlands on Map 113 - Lots 11, 14 and 16. Mr. West and Mr. Michael Cuomo conducted a site walk on June 12, 2000 to review the wetland boundaries. Mr. Cuomo delineated a small area of wetland that was not previously identified during the original wetland delineation. Mr. Cuomo continued to revise the rest of the wetland boundary on the site to incorporate all areas of hydric soils after Mr. West left. West Environmental conducted a site walk to review the changes and agreed with

SPECIAL PERMIT (cont)

A. Woodland Estates Development (cont)

the changes made by Mr. Cuomo. Mr. West said that this new boundary denoted the poorly drained soil for Town regulating as opposed to the delineation for State criteria. Therefore the existing NHDES wetlands permit does not need to be amended for this project. The revised site plan eliminates one of the lots in the southern portion of the site. Several abutters attended this meeting. Mr. Ed Caylor then addressed the Commission with his concerns. After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that there still is concern about the severe density to impact the wetland. Three items of concern are: 1) a stonewall to delineate the wetland buffer boundary; 2) too dense a development; 3) questions if the road is crossing at the point of least impact. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Hampton Beach Master Plan Advisory Committee

Ms. Marcotte and Mr. Tilton gave a brief update on this Committee. The Committee has selected a consultant.

B. The Scholarship was mailed to ME Maritime Academy for recipient Kenton Geer. Ms. Marcotte read a "thank you" from Kenton.

C. Victory Garden

Ms. Thimble gave a brief report on the Garden Tour. Ninety Eight visitors visited the garden on August 4th and 5th. Ms. Thimble thanked Ms. Marcotte for her assistance at the garden during the tour. Ms. Thimble also reported that the garden was vandalized and that she reported it to the Police.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Elm Tree Project

Ms. Marcotte and Ms. Thmble met with Ms. Wallingford of the Shade Tree Committee, Selectman Bonnie Searles, and Mr. Patch of the Parks Dept. on August 14th to discuss and agree on the best sites for the planting of the six elm trees. The following sites were agreed upon.

1. the playground area at Winnacunnet and Locke Rd.
2. five corners (High St. Locke Rd Little River Rd.
3. Eaton Park
4. Marston School area
5. Center School area
6. Tuck Field

These trees are expected to be delivered within the week.

The Conservation Commission is pleased to be able to bring these trees to Hampton and is ready to accept the responsibilities of this project with the community's support.

B. Marsh Monitoring

This will be a two year monitoring of the marsh behind the Police Station. This water monitoring will be done twice a month. Ms. Goethel and Ms. Marcotte asked for a few volunteers to help with the monitoring.

C. Island Path Project

Mrs. Goethel contacted Phil Auger regarding the grant proposal for the trail. Mrs. Goethel will be meeting with Mr. Auger on Friday, August 25, 2000 to stake out the path for the trail.
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E. Violations

Ms. Marcotte received a call from Mrs. Fallon regarding next door neighbor's yard being filled in wet area and spraying of pesticides for poison ivy.

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E. Violations (cont)

Taylor Furniture Parking area has been cleaned up.
However, needs an after-the-fact application.

Barbour Road - clearing and fill at the back of the
property abutting wet.

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 held on Tuesday, September 26,
2000 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room at 7:00
p.m. The next site walk will be held on Monday,
September 25, 2000 meeting in the Town Office Parking
Lot.

Ms. Thimble motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., seconded
by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary