

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

April 23, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vivianne G. Marcotte, Chairperson. Present were Dr. Ralph Falk, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton Jr. Alternates Greg Smart, sitting in for Mrs. Goethel, and Fred Palazzolo, sitting in for Mr. Gangai were also present. There was no representative present from the Hampton Board of Selectmen.

The minutes of March 26, 2002 were reviewed. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections noted, seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION

Krystina Deren Arrain, NH East Coast Greenway Project, gave a presentation on the project. This trail is extending from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida. This urban Appalachian Trail provides new healthy recreational opportunities, new green transportation routes, preserve abandoned canal towpaths and railroads, and reduce air, water and noise pollution. The defined 2,600 mile route is linking 23 major cities. The states have formed committees to guide the development of the trail. Maps have been created for cyclists and others so the trail can be used. There still needs to be a lot done. The projected completion date is 2,010. The membership needs to be expanded. This was all presented through slides of the trail. Ms. Arrain will keep the Commission informed.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATION

- A. Brouillette
10 Bradford Ave.

This application is for the construction of a new concrete foundation for an existing single family residence with no change in footprint or size. The house will be lowered onto the foundation. The project has been carefully laid out so as to minimize the impact to jurisdictional wetlands. Mr. Chris Ogden, Civil Engineer, addressed the Commission. After a brief discussion, Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo. All were in favor.

PLANNING BOARD REFERAL

- A. St. James Building Association
77 Tide Mill Rd

This request for review is for the repaving and expansion of existing parking lot with addition of a second access point. The new paved lot should be approximately 536 ft. from the marsh. There is an increase in run-off and there is existing natural ponding. After a brief overview, Mr. Tilton motioned no concern, seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. Royal Shores Vacation LLC

This special permit is for parking in the buffer reducing current impermeable surface. The drainage is taken care of. After a brief discussion, Dr. Falk motioned the granting of the special permit seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS (CONT)

B. Schaake
100 King's Highway

This special permit is for the demolition of existing building and construction of a new building within the buffer, having 100 sq. ft. less impact. Dr. Falk recommending the granting of the special permit, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo with the conditions of a fence to be put in the back, erosion control and lawn care (Shoreline Protection Act). All were in favor.

C. Probama Trust
4 Post Rd.

This special permit is for impact to the buffer for construction of a home for a wetland violation on the site. A restoration plan has been submitted to the State by Gove Environmental. The State has not yet responded to the plan. The impact to the wetland buffer zone is approximately 262 sq. ft. in order to construct a 24' x 40' cape style home. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tilton motioned because it is an unexplored option of home design to fit the lot, to oppose the special permit, seconded by Dr. Falk. All were in favor. The Buffer should be restored to its original grade.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Eagle Scout Project - Austin Bashline

Austin has looked into various maps and has walked the area with Ralph Fatello and Dave Weber. Ms. Marcotte has written a letter in support of Austin. He is going to mark the trail (at White's Lane) and do some cleaning up. The Eagle Scout Project has to be completed by the end of the year.

B. Island Path Project

Mr. Tilton gave an update on the Island Path Committee. There have been three meetings and that discussions were proceeding. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 in the Town Office Meeting Room. The traffic and parking will be on the agenda.

C. Phragmites Mitigation Project Update

The project is out to bid. The project will include eight different sites.

D. Deteriorating Dock

The deteriorating dock is still in question of whose responsibility it is. Ms. Marcotte is still investigating this issue.

E. Lupien

The expedited application was signed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Questioning of the Foss easement Boundary
Ms. Marcotte gave a brief update.
- B. Violations - Ms. Marcotte reviewed the following violations:
1. Landing Rd. - This is a violation of wetland.
 2. Anchor Ct. - This is a filling of the wetland. However, the owner has already sold the property.
- C. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
Ms. Marcotte discussed possible workshop dates. A guest list will be prepared.
- D. Seabreeze Condo's Marsh Flooding Problem.
Ms. Marcotte gave a brief update.
- E. McCarthy
Tilton Street

Mr. McCarthy called to let the Commission know the project was completed.
- F. Victory Garden

Ms. Thimble gave a brief update on the Victory Garden. The first meeting will be held on April 25, 2002, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. A donation of \$100.00 was received from the Hampton Water Dept.
- G. Hampton Academy Junior High Award

Mrs. Goethel will review the candidates and Ms. Thimble stated the Victory Garden will donate the award.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Marcotte reviewed seminars, brochures and workshops.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report as reviewed. Ms. Marcotte will make an appointment to review the Conservation Commission's accounts with Ms. Ellen Lavin, Town Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be held on Monday, May 27, 2002 meeting in the Town Office Parking Lot at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Falk motioned to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Thimble. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Launi
Secretary