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CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
May 23, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Ellen Goethel, Chairperson. Present were Commission Members Bonnie Thimble, and Peter Tilton Jr. Commissioners absent were Jay Diener, Dr. Ralph Falk, Dan Gangai and Sharon Raymond. Alternate Pete MacKinnon was absent. Alternate Nathan Page sat in for Jay Diener. Planning Board was not represented at this meeting.

The site walk was held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 meeting at the Town Parking Lot at 6:00 p.m.

- A. 29A Nudd Ave.
New stairs and addition to deck.
- B. 33 Nudd Ave. (advice about new fence)
- C. 497 Winnacunnet Rd. (advice)
Extend deck and stairs.
- D. 59 Ocean Blvd.
Replace existing fence.
- E. 2A Post Rd. (check out driveway)
- F. 7-9 Gill St. (check out finished house)
- G. Seaview (digging into new sand dune to place walkway)
Look at proposed steps
- H. 16 Ross Ave (new deck)
- I. 48 Beach Plum Way
DES addition in 100 ft tidal buffer)
- J. 31 Park Ave
New house and driveway crossing buffer.

The Minutes of May 2, 2006 were reviewed and accepted with corrections noted.

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NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

A. 48 Beach Plum Way

Minimum expedited DES permit for addition onto the house from away from the ocean in within the 100 ft State Jurisdiction. David Redding, owner, and Dan Lavallee, Architect, addressed the Commission. To add 20' x 12' (2 story) to west side of the building and an 8' x 16' porch. Remove the 24' x 8' porch on west elevation. This is to improve second floor access by removing spiral stairs and install more conventional stairs. Provide first floor lavatory and improve space in existing bedrooms. Improve weatherization. After a brief overview, Mr. Tilton motioned to not oppose the expedited application without signatures for 48 Bleach Plum Way with stipulations that the roses be removed and restore dune grass. Ms. Thimble seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

A. 31 Park Ave
Thomas Burness

Delayed until the June 27, 2006 meeting.

B. 16 Ross Ave.

Construction of a deck and stairs in the Town Wetlands Conservation District. Kevin Emery, owner, addressed the Commission. The discussion centered on two different plans. The consensus of the Commission that enclosing the deck with a roof would be much more detrimental to the buffer and not be consistent with the intent of the wetlands ordinance. The Commission did not recommend any enclosure to this project. After the discussion, Mr. Tilton motioned to grant the Special Permit for the OPEN deck in the second floor as presented on the plan dated 5/23/06 and initialed by the Chairperson with the usual stipulations including cleaning up the yard waste within the wetlands and buffer. Mr. Page seconded the motion. All were in favor. *The applicant will go on to his appointment with the Planning Board.*

C. 92 Kings Highway

Addition to an existing structure within the Town Wetlands Conservation District. Mark West addressed the Commission. After discussion, Mr. Page motioned to not recommend the granting of the Special Permit for the addition. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. Mr. Tilton then amended the motion to read that any additional impervious surface can only increase the flooding problem of the Meadow Pond area including King's Highway and High Street. Ms. Thimble seconded the amendment. The vote was unanimous for the amendment and also unanimous on the original motion as amended.

Ms. Sharon Raymond joined the meeting at this time.

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PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

A. 426 Winnacunnet Rd

This referral is for the Condo Development. After a brief review, Mrs. Goethel will write a letter to the Planning Board with the following comments: (1) suggest recharge system instead of detention pond; (2) detention pond should not be within 50' of abutters property line as this will impact abutters future to build with 50' of the pond; (3) need maintenance road to access pond for maintenance; and (4) annual cleaning maintenance with a written annual report given to the Conservation Commission and the Town Planner as this will be required shortly by the State.

APPOINTMENTS

A. None

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

A. None

DES ACTIONS

A. None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ice Pond Update

Mrs. Goethel gave a brief update on the property.

B. WHIP Application

The WHIP Application was granted and was received by the Commission.

C. PSNH got the approval from the State and Town to do the Sub-Station.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Former Conservation Commission Fred Palazzolo passed away. Sue will send a sympathy card.

B. Mrs. Goethel received a letter from Ted Diers, NH Coastal Program, stating some complaints about the flooding on High Street from Mill Pond at the phragmites. He had rec'd these complaints from some of the homeowners who got flooded blaming the cutting down of phragmites.

C. Mrs. Thimble resigned as Chairperson of the Victory Garden. The gardens are \$15.00 each this year. Mrs. Wallingford donated an elm tree she received from the Portsmouth Garden Club and was planted on Paar Ave.

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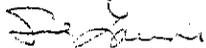
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A discussion ensued on the applications to be reviewed at the meetings as most are incomplete. Mr. Page motioned to allow Mrs. Goethel to send a letter to the Planning Board that reviews start at the receipt of the completed plan. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. Mr. Tilton then stated that the Conservation Commission should be in receipt of complete applications with all information up-to-date before making recommendations to the Planning Board. The Commission is spending too much time helping applicants straighten out their paperwork at the regular business meetings. This is unfair to the Commissioners and applicants who come prepared. The Commission should not be on the 40 day clock for a special permit until the application is complete. Mrs. Thimble seconded the amended motion. All were in favor. Mr. Page then withdrew his motion.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. The next site walk will be held on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot.

Mr. Page motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. seconded by Ms. Raymond. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary