

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

September 22, 2009

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nathan Page at the Hampton Town Office Meeting Room. Commission Members present were Jay Diener, Ellen Goethel, Sharon Raymond, Barbara Renaud and Peter Tilton Jr. Commission Member Dr. Ralph Falk, was absent. Alternate Steve Scaturro was present. Alternate Mark Loopley was absent. Rayann Richard, Conservation Commission Coordinator, was present. Fran McMahon represented the Planning Board.

The Minutes of July and August were reviewed and accepted with corrections noted.

The site walk was held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. The following sites were visited:

- A. 90 Kings Highway
- B. 44 Smith Ave.
- C. 15 Dumas Ave.
- D. Landing Road Culvert -photos for dredge and fill application

PUBLIC SESSION

Replacement of three undersized culverts with a box culvert at Landing Road. Mrs. Goethel lead the public session. This is a DES Wetland Permit and will be put out for bid by the DPW. Ms. Diane Shaw addressed the Commission with concerns about the increase in water. As there were no other speakers, the session was closed to the public.

NHDES APPLICATIONS

- A. 143 Island Path
Nancy Wheeler
Jones and Beach - Agent

This dredge and fill application is for the construction of a garage attached to an existing shed over an existing gravel driveway and a screen porch located on top of an existing deck. During the meeting it was discovered that the existing deck stairs which extend across the entire south and east sides of the deck were not part of the 2003 NHDES (2003-1024) and Town Special Permits. The Commission has requested that the applicant remove the stairs along the south side of the deck. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Goethel motioned to oppose the granting of the wetlands permit for the construction of a screened-in porch on the existing deck and garage. The Commission does not feel that the proposed mitigation (removal of crushed stone and addition of plantings) effectively compensates for the construction of the screened-in porch and garage. The applicant has agreed to further research potential mitigation options and continue this discussion of the project at the October 27, 2009 Conservation Commission Meeting. The Commission also requests that they have the opportunity to review the revised mitigation suggestions before NHDES makes a final decision on this permit application. This was seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

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SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. 143 Island Path
Nancy Wheeler
Joe Coronati - Jones & Beach

Please see page 1. The applicant has agreed to continue the review of this project at the October 27, 2009 meeting in order to research more substantial mitigation options. At this time, the Commission feels that the proposed mitigation (removal of crushed stone and addition of plantings) does not effectively compensate for the construction of the garage and screened-in porch.

- B. 12 Nor'East Lane
Harold Hoefle
Matt Warren - Agent
Bradlee Mezquita - Appledore Engineering

This Special Permit is to remove a failing retaining wall and rebuild with concrete within the same footprint. After a brief discussion, Mr. Tilton motioned to recommend the granting of the Special Permit for the construction of a new retaining wall along the backside of the parking area as per the plan dated September 11, 2009 (revision date of 9/16/09) and the side view drawing dated September 14, 2009. The footprint of the parking area will not be expanded. This was seconded by Mr. Diener. All were in favor.

- C. 50 Nudd Ave.
Paul and Debra Barrett

This Special Permit is for the construction of a rain garden within the 50 ft. buffer. Mark West addressed the Commission. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Goethel motioned to recommend the granting of the Special Permit for construction of a rain garden with the 50 ft. buffer as per the plan dated September 2, 2009. As the NHDES Shoreland Program does not have a preference whether wood chips or bark mulch be used, the Commission would request that wood chips be used. Mr. Diener seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- D. 90 Kings Highway
Peter and Marge Decato

This Special Permit is for construction of an 8' x 10' single story addition and seven high blueberry bush plantings along the buffer edge. After the discussion, Ms. Raymond motioned to recommend the granting of the Special Permit for the construction of an 8' x 10' addition along the northwest corner of the unit as per the plan signed and dated by the Chairman. The applicant has also agreed to remove the 8' x 8' deck along the north side of the garage and replace it with a landing and stairs that meet the minimum building code requirements. The applicant agreed to remove the rear stairs which are currently attached to the utility room that is currently being converted into a bedroom. The Commission also supports the applicant's planting plan. Mr. Diener seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS (Cont)

E. 44 Smith Ave
Glenn Robins

This Special Permit is to remove the existing structure (35.8' x 12') and building a new single story structure (40.8' x 13.5'). After meeting with the applicant, it was decided to continue this review at the October 27, 2009 in order to research potential mitigation options as there is no proposed mitigation to offset the proposed increase in the building footprint. Ms. Renaud motioned to table this review to the October 27, 2009 meeting, seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REFERRALS

N/A

APPOINTMENTS

N/A

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

1. 26 Tuttle Ave

Go out eight (8) feet onto deck to enlarge living area of present sunroom. Will have gutters with rain barrels to catch water. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations and to have the plantings approved by the Conservation Commission Coordinator prior to installation.

2. 67 Plymouth Street

Install wooden stairs with railings in back of 67 Plymouth St. to provide access to beach/river. Approved with the condition that a portion of the stairs be aluminum, the applicant present a proper depiction of where the stairs will be located on the property and the Conservation Commission stipulations.

ZONING BOARD ACTIONS - DECISIONS

None

DES ACTIONS

1. 32 Nor'East Lane

Impact 305 sq. ft. for the purpose of expanding an existing garage. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Planting plan for 86 Drakeside Road. This is still in progress.

B. 15 Dumas Ave.

Review of Shoreland Application. Conservation Commission did not have.

C. Conservation Commission Easement and Map

CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

Ms. Richard mentioned that the website is still being worked on.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Renaud gave a Treasurer report

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The next site walk will be announced and will meet at the Town Office Parking Lot.

Mr. Diener motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Goether. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary