

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

December 21, 2010

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson Jay Diener at the Hampton Town Office Meeting Room. Commission Members present were Ellen Goethel, Barbara Renaud and Peter Tilton. Commission Members Nathan Page, Sharon Raymond and Steve Scaturro were absent. Alternantes Dr. Ralph Falk Mark Loopley were absent. Rayann Dionne, Conservation Coordinator, was present. There was no Planning Board Member present.

The Minutes of November 23, 2010 were reviewed and accepted with corrections noted.

The site walk was held Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. meeting at the Town Office Parking Lot.

- a. 72 Island Path
- b. 7 & 9 Cora Ave
- c. 100 Brown Ave
- d. 19 Dumas Ave
- e. 101 Drakeside Rd

NHDES APPLICATIONS

- A. 100 Brown Ave  
Town of Hampton - DPW

This application is for the installation of a self-regulating tide gate on a storm water discharge culvert off of Brown Ave. This is a Standard Dredge & Fill application. After a brief discussion, Mr. Tilton motioned to not oppose this application for the installation of a tide gate at 100 Brown Ave. The Commission recommends it would be in the best interest of the Town to conduct annual inspections and maintenance on each tide gate, culvert, and surrounding area to ensure they are functioning properly. The Commission asked Ms. Dionne to send a letter to the DPW asking for annual inspection/maintenance of the tide gate. It is not uncommon for debris and vegetation to build up around those gates and impede their function. Ms. Renaud seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- B. 72 Island Path  
Holder Family Revocable Trust, Agent - MSC Engineers

This Standard Dredge & Fill application is for the removal of a one story dwelling and gravel driveway and construction of a new building/addition with a deck and trellis attached to an existing 2-story building. The plan was modified by the applicant following the Commission's site walk. After reviewing this application, Mrs. Goethel motioned to not oppose the granting of the wetlands permit with the following stipulations:

1. The small stonewall located along the western edge of the property contains a substantial number of rocks that are embedded in the ground. It is recommended to remove the above surface stones using hand tools, but leave those that are sunken into the ground.
2. A draft planting plan was presented at the meeting which contains several varieties of salt tolerant plants such as Lymm Grass and Black Japanese Pines. The USDA plan database does not identify these two plant species as native to NH. The planting plan needs to be sent to DES to ensure that the proposed plants are acceptable to them.
3. The Commission needs to be notified at the beginning and end of the project.

Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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NHDES APPLICATIONS (cont)

- C. 7 & 9 Cora Ave  
Steven Yuse

This Standard Dredge & Fill Application is for the construction of a single dwelling on each lot. After a brief overview, Mrs. Goethel motioned to not oppose the granting of the application with the stipulation that silt fence and hay bales shall be placed along the 50 ft wetland edge. No temporary or permanent impacts, including any fill needed to re-grade around the foundation, shall occur within 50 ft from the wetland edge. Mr. Tilton seconded and all were in favor.

- D. 101 Drakeside Rd  
TH Seacoast Properties LLC  
Timothy Hosmer

This is an after-the-fact Standard Dredge & Fill Application for a concrete retaining wall. After the review of the application, Ms. Renaud motioned to not oppose the granting of the after-the-fact wetlands permit for the construction of a concrete retaining wall with the stipulation that the added fill around the base of the tree adjacent to the southeastern corner of the retaining wall shall be removed and the original grade restored. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- E. 19 Dumas Ave  
Tom Quinlan

This application is for a Minimum Expedited application for the repair of a riprap seawall. Mr. Tilton motioned to sign the Minimum Expedited application. Mrs. Goethel seconded. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- A. 72 Island Path  
Holder Family Revocable Trust - Agent - MSC Engineers

This special permit is for the removal of a one story dwelling and gravel driveway and construction of a new building/addition with a deck and trellis attached to an existing two story building. Please refer to Page 1 for description and stipulations. Mrs. Goethel motioned to recommend the granting of the special permit, seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

- B. 101 Drakeside Rd  
TH Seacoast Properties  
Timothy Hosmer

This special permit is an after-the-fact application for an installed retaining wall. Please refer to above for description and stipulations. The Commission requested that Ms. Dionne review the stipulations of the original Special Permit this property to ensure that they are being followed. Ms. Renaud motioned to recommend the granting of the special permit, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.

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PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

N/A

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS

A. 407 Ocean Blvd

Replace existing asphalt driveway. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations.

B. 124 Landing Rd

2-Lot subdivision. Approved.

C. 1 Alumni Dr (WHS)

Maintenance dredging of small pond adjacent to athletic fields. Approved with Conservation Commission stipulations.

ZONING BOARD ACTIONS - DECISIONS

None

DES ACTIONS

- A. 124 Landing Rd. Plans revised by J/B Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc., dated May 10, 2010, to change from Town sewer to septic systems on-site. Impact 18800 sq ft for subdividing subject parcel into three lots with municipal water & sewer and pervious driveway. Approved (Shoreline).

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

A. Reconstruction of the Ice Pond Dam - Goals. As requested by the Town Manager, the Commission discussed potential ideas and concerns regarding the reconstruction of the Ice Pond Dam. Mrs. Goethel recommended having the street side of the dam, if constructed out of concrete, faced with stone. This would retain some of the original character of the dam. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Tilton recommended contacting NH Fish & Game for recommended guidelines/features that would enable eels to migrate to Ice pond. There was also a brief discussion on water quality. The pond is currently rather shallow with low levels of oxygen which limits its ability to support a wide variety of aquatic life. Mr. Tilton also recommended contacting NH Fish & Game regarding the pond's ability to support fish and a desirable pond depth if future dredging is possible.

B. Review the retention time for the remaining funds for the Landing Rd culvert document. June 15, 2010 was mentioned as the date. Ms. Renaud motioned to amend the date to April 15, 2010. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

C. Conservation Easement funding.

D. Review the draft Conservation Commission rules and procedure document. This was tabled until January 24, 2011 meeting.

CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

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TREASURER'S REPORT

This will be given at the January 24, 2011 meeting.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2011, meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The site walk will be announced and will start at the Town Office Parking Lot.

Ms. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Tilton. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi  
Secretary