

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

September 27, 2011

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. Alternates Mark Loopley, Diane Shaw and Gordon Vinther were absent. Commission Members absent were Sharon Raymond and Steve Scaturro. Rayann Dionne, Conservation Coordinator, was present. Keith Lessard was representing the Planning Board.

The Minutes of August 23, 2011 were accepted with corrections noted.

The site walk was held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 meeting at the Town Hall Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

1. Butternut Hollow #14
2. 6 Meadow Pond Rd.
3. 1 Liberty Lane

### PRESENTATION - ROCKINGHAM PLANNING - SEACOAST ADAPTATION

Julia Petersen, UNH Seacoast, addressed the Commission. The project's goal is to work with Hampton, Seabrook and Hampton Falls, the three towns bordering the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary, to examine the potential economic impacts from coastal storms. More intense and frequent storms impact coastal communities due to increasing damages and costly repairs. This project will look at vulnerable community assets and begin discussions with community members about how to address these. Maps will be developed that show economic impacts to buildings, infrastructure and businesses, and together discuss how to minimize these losses.

### NHDES APPLICATIONS

- A. 6 Meadow Pond Road  
Joe & Shirley Sylvester

This is a Shoreland application. This application is to remove existing building and deck and construct a new single family residence. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Goethel motioned to not send a letter to Shoreland. Mr. Tilton seconded and all were in favor.

- B. Butternut Hollow #14  
Nancy Meagher-Mills  
Jones & Beach Engineering Inc.

This is a Shoreland application. This application is to remove the existing one-story building and construct a new two-story building above the flood plane. After a discussion, Ms. Renaud motioned to not oppose the granting of the Shoreland permit with the following stipulations:

1. All spoils from the excavation of the foundation shall be properly disposed of off-site.
2. If dewatering is necessary during the foundation installation, all water shall pass through a sediment trap prior to discharge to the nearby freshwater wetland.
3. The proposed location for the shed is on the edge of freshwater wetland, it is recommended that shed be moved further from the wetland to allow the property owner to access the rear of shed without entering the wetland.
4. The shed shall not be placed on a slab, but instead be raised to allow floodwaters to pass underneath the shed.

**NHDES APPLICATIONS (Cont.)**

**B. Butternut Hollow #14 (Cont)**

5. The Conservation Commission is to be notified at the beginning and end of the project.

Mrs. Goethel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SPECIAL PERMITS**

**A. Butternut Hollow #14  
Nancy Meagher-Mills  
Jones & Beach Engineering, Inc.**

This special permit is to remove the existing one-story building and construct a new two-story building above the flood plane. After the discussion, Mrs. Goethel motioned to grant the Special Permit (per the plan signed and dated by the Chair) with the following stipulations:

1. All spoils from the excavation of the foundation shall be properly disposed of off-site.
2. If dewatering is necessary during the foundation installation, all water shall pass through a sediment trap prior to discharge to the nearby freshwater wetland.
3. The proposed location for the shed is on the edge of freshwater wetland. The Commission wants the shed moved 5 ft. further from the wetland edge or in accordance with building code setbacks, whichever is greater. This distance will allow the property owner to access the rear of the shed without entering the wetland.
4. The shed shall not be placed on a slab, but instead be raised off of the ground to allow floodwaters to pass underneath.
5. There shall be no re-grading or elevation changes on-site.
6. The property owner shall install granite monumentation at the rear of their unit and along the wetland edge (30 ft. apart).
7. The Conservation Commission would support an additional step at the front and rear of the property Should the owner chooses to increase the first floor elevation further out of the flood plain.

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

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**SPECIAL PERMITS (Cont)**

- B. 1 Liberty Lane  
RMMC Liberty Lane, LLC  
Jones & Beach Engineering, Inc.

This Special Permit is for the construction of a parking lot partially within the 50 ft. buffer. After a discussion, Mrs Goethel motioned to recommend the granting of this Special Permit (per the plan signed and dated by the Chair) with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant has agreed to relocate the two parking spaces at the most easterly end of the parking lot and within the 50 ft. Wetland Conservation District (WCD) to southwestern edge of the parking lot.
2. All snow storage shall be outside of the 50 ft. WCD.
3. The applicant has agreed to install a barrier, such as a wooden guardrail or vegetated barrier, in front of those parking spaces that are partially within the 50 ft. WCD to deter snowplows from dumping snow there.
4. The Routine Maintenance note on Plan D-2 needs to be revised to include the statement that an annual maintenance report will be submitted to the Planning Board by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. An extra copy of the report shall also be submitted for the Conservation Commission.
5. The Routine Maintenance note #6 (Plan D-2) needs to be revised to include the statement that the area of patching shall not exceed 10% of the porous pavement parking area.

Ms. Renaud seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS**

- A. 1 Liberty Lane  
RMMC Liberty Lane LLC  
Jones & Beach Engineering Inc.

This referral is for the construction of a parking lot. Please refer to Special Permits above.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REFERRALS**

- A. Falcone Circle - Acceptance of Easements

As requested by the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission discussed the two proposed drainage easements and draft drainage easement language for 23 Falcone Circle. The Commission recognizes the importance of these drainage features and fully support their acceptance. It was voted to send a recommended written letter to the Board of Selectmen.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS**

- A. 546 High Street  
Construction of low platform deck beneath the existing 3-season deck - changed to permeable pavers. Approved with Conservation stipulations.
- B. 8 Battock Avenue  
Construction of 8.7 x 24.9 ft. pervious deck in buffer zone with grass underneath to preserve pervious area. Approved with Conservation stipulations.
- C. 434 High Street  
Construction of 10 single-family condominium units. Approved with Conservation stipulations.

**ZONING BOARD ACTIONS - DECISIONS**

None

**DES ACTIONS**

- A. 571 Winnacunnet Rd (Sandpiper Condos)  
Repair deteriorated deck supports, foundation and footings. A riprap apron will be installed under the decks for erosion control. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ice Pond Dam - Draft RFP

The Draft for the RFP will be for complete reconstruction and Ms. Dionne will e-mail a copy of the draft to the Commissioners.

- B. Draft Revisions to the Town's Wetlands Ordinance

Ms. Dionne reviewed the draft revisions. The Tree Cutting revision will be reviewed. Mrs. Goethel motioned to accept the changes to the Ordinance and getting the Tree Cutting verbage corrected, and send to the Planning Board as soon as possible. Ms. Renaud seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- C. Hornaday Award - Project Ideas

Ms. Dionne will contact Mr. Doug Ackroyd for information on Boy Scout Projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Potential Conservation Land Between 101 and 95N.  
Ms. Renaud motioned to accept the parcel of land, seconded by Mrs. Goethel. All were in favor.
- B. Developing a Conservation Monitoring Program  
This will be discussed at the October Conservation Commission Public Hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont)**

**C. Special Permits for Seawall Maintenance**

**D. Working Session with Aquarion for Well Exploration**

This will be discussed at the October Conservation Commission Public Hearing.

Mr. Diener stated, regarding the Batchelder Farm, the goal is to try to have the Batchelder Farm Conservation Easement in place by Hampton's 2012 Town Meeting. Mr. Diener also stated that the Selectmen have approved the Conservation Commission Budget for 2012.

**CONSERVATION COORDINATOR UPDATE**

Ms. Dionne gave a phragmites update, and also an update on expedited permits. There is a publication on State of NH Birds.

Mr. Diener reminded everyone that the site walks need to be attended.

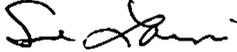
**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Renaud stated that the quarterly report will be given at the October Meeting.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, meeting in the Town Office Meeting Room. The site walk will be announced and will start at the Town Office Parking Lot.

Mrs. Goethel motioned to adjourn at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Ms. Tilton. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi  
Secretary