

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
October 23, 1990

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mace Estate Land - Len Mercer & Roger Mace were present to find out if the commission would be interested in acquiring any of the Mace Estate Land. Mr. Mercer said his wife has part ownership of the land along with Mr. Mace and George Ryan.

Mr. Mace said he had heard that Leston Perkins sold his land, which borders on theirs. Mr. Mace said their land runs into North Hampton. He said they are approximately 7 acres in Hampton and 3 acres in North Hampton which they're not using.

Mr. Joyce told them that in the past, the commission acquired funding at Town Meeting. He said the commission is in the process of purchasing the Perkins property, and doesn't have any funds right now. He said the idea is for the commission to acquire good pieces of land for the Town and preserve them. He said it would be desirable to acquire the Mace property at some point, but he told them that it's a lengthy process & they'd have to be willing to let the property go to the Town forever.

Mrs. Lawrence asked if they want to sell or donate the land. Mr. Mercer said they'd like to think the Town would want to buy it, but they don't know. He asked if it would help to have a commission member walk the land. Mr. Tilton said it would, & that that's the commission's primary step. Mr. Mercer said the commission could contact either him or Mr. Mace if they want to walk the property. Mr. Joyce said the commission will discuss it and probably will take a look at the property.

Sign in Buffer Zone - Atty. Craig Salomon was present because he wanted the commission's input before his client goes before the ZBA meet next. He said his client has a 3-fold problem with the sign on 2 wooden posts at the intersection of the expressway and Brown's Ave. The problems are that he didn't get a permit, he's off-premise, which requires a variance, & he's in the Buffer zone.

Two signs there now, from Little Jack's Seafood and Midge's Real Estate, are grandfathered. Atty. Salomon said he understood the purpose of the buffer zone, but because this area is surrounded by hot top, buildings, etc., it's value as a Buffer is probably limited. He said the property is owned by Robert & Annette Lupien of Manchester, who rented the space to his client. Mr. Joyce said the commission could drive by or meet at the site, & draft their input to the ZBA before the hearing comes up.

Conservation Camp - Nathan Edgar & Scooter Baker were present to tell the commission what they thought of conservation camp. Scooter Baker said overall, it was confusing at times, but fun. He said the students were broken up into units. Some stayed in a treehouse and others stayed in tents. They started the day with KP duty, had breakfast at 6:45 a.m., and

had classes and project times. Each group was assigned projects, such as rating the water in the pond, or setting up a trail. He said they had about 5 sessions a day, as well as free time and entertainment.

Nathan Edgar said they emphasized forest management.

Mr. Clifford asked how conservation camp compared to Sargeant Camp (an environmental camp run by Boston University). Scooter said the conservation camp is more like summer camp. Nathan said there is much to do, but it's spread out.

Mr. Tilton asked if anyone can attend. They said most of the students were sponsored by commissions or schools, and others were sent by their parents. Scooter rated the camp between 9 and 10, according to what he learned in classes. Nathan rated it a 9, stating that he learned a lot & met a lot of people. They both took slides, which they plan to send to the commission. Mr. Joyce also suggested that they write a letter to the Editor of the Hampton Union, thanking the townspeople for sending them. Mr. Tilton said they could help the commission find others to send next year.

Sicard Hearing - Mr. Joyce said Town Counsel Seth Junkins wanted to know if the commission was planning to participate in the Sicard hearing because he was thinking about representing Mr. Sicard. Mr. Joyce said the commission wasn't planning anything.

Minutes - Mr. Bunker moved to accept the minutes of September 25, 1990 as corrected. Mr. Tilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mace Land - After discussing the Mace Land, Mr. Bunker said he would call Mr. Mace and tell him that the commission is interested in walking the land around December 1st.

Perkins Land Update - Mr. Bunker said there's been an extension of the option to purchase the Perkins Real Estate, extending it until February 1, 1991.

Great Meadows - Mr. Bunker said Rev. Golledge was unsuccessful at having Bill Barkley walk this land with him. Only a few people know where the parcel is.

Radkay - Mrs. Lawrence said they're putting in fill on Mr. Radkay's land. Mr. Tilton said it's old fill and there's nothing fresh in the culvert. Mr. Bunker said if dumping had been done, they would have seen it.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Maureen Cummings  
Secretary