

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 27, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker at 7:05 p.m. Also in attendance were James Clifford, Rev. Robert Gollidge, Peg Lawrence, Vivianne Marcotte, Peter Tilton, Jr., Alberta True and Dave Weber.

The Minutes of June 22, 1993 were approved. Ms. Marcotte motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. True. All were in favor.

Mr. Bunker reiterated that site walks would be held the third Tuesday of the month, meeting in the Town Parking Lot at 6:00 pm. Mr. Clifford asked when that was discussed. Mr. Bunker stated several months ago. Mr. Bunker should be contacted if a member cannot make it to a site walk or monthly meeting.

Wetlands Applications

Nor East Realty Trust Nor East Lane

Walter Hett, Trustee, addressed the meeting. Mr. Hett stated that this is a family business and that he is Trustee and his wife is Beneficiary. Mr. Hett's property borders Ms. Lawrence's property on the South. The ocean storms last winter opened 30 feet across the seawall - result was the wall collapsed. The temporary solution that was done needs to be made permanent. The retaining wall and cracks need filling - pour 6-8 inches of cement on pad from foundation to seawall. Mr. Hett would like to rebuild his portion of the seawall. Mr. Clifford asked Mr. Hett what type of Engineer he was. Mr. Hett responded he is an Electrical Engineer. A discussion ensued. Ms. Lawrence stated she has lived on her property for 40 years and has seen many tides. She feels that rip-rap is the solution to the damaged seawall rather than cement. Ms. Lawrence was also concerned about Mr. Hett's septic system. Per Ms. Lawrence, sewerage is seeping into her property. She showed pictures of the area. Ms. Lawrence also intends to put more rocks on her beachfront. Mr. Hett responded that he was not aware of the septic system leaking. Mr. Tilton asked if he could verify if his septic was hooked up to the Town. Mr. Clifford asked Mr. Hett if the seawall would further enhance his property if he used cement rather than rip-rap. Mr. Hett, after discussion, stated that it would. A discussion ensued on the letter that Mr. Hett wrote to the Commission. Ms. Marcotte was concerned with the amount of cement that would have to be used. Mr. Tilton stated he would rather have gotten a professional opinion on the engineering question regarding the seawall stability before making a decision. Mr. Bunker read a statement from Sheila Nudd who could not attend the meeting. Her feeling was that rip-rap would be better than cement.

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Nor' East Realty Trust (Continued)

Mr. Clifford motioned to oppose the application because it would be (detrimental) to beach front and erosion. Mr. Tilton seconded with a discussion ensuing. After discussion, Mr. Tilton withdrew his second to the first motion. Mr. Tilton then made a second motion not to oppose the application provided a septic tank located in the area to be improved is inactive. One opposed and six unopposed to the motion. A question was asked from the floor about when the Army Corp gets involved and Mr. Tilton said it would be a good idea for the beach front owners to inquire directly with that office on that question.

Margaret Lawrence
Nor' East Lane

Ms. Lawrence stated that on December 10th & 11th of last year damaged was done to her seawall leaving a hole in front of her house 9 feet deep. Bolders were brought in by Contractors and more bolders will be brought in. The high tide use to be 75' away but is now up to the base of the seawall. In Ms. Lawrence's opinion, cement is the wrong solution. A discussion ensued. Mr. Bunker read a statement from Sheila Nudd who could not be present at the meeting. Her feeling was that rip-rap would be better than a cement seawall. Mr. Bunker also read a letter from the Cravens who are abutters and opposed the use of bolders (rip-rap). Mr. Hett also voiced his objection against the rip-rap.

Mr. Tilton motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Ms. True. The vote was unanimous except for Ms. Lawrence who abstained from voting. A letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board.

Gerald Poisson
3 Susan Lane

A site walk was conducted on Tuesday, July 20, 1993. Sixty feet of railroad ties need replacing. Ms. Marcotte motioned not to oppose the application provided the timbers replaced are not treated with preservatives. A suggestion was made to use white cedar. This motion was seconded by Mr. Clifford. All in favor. A letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board.

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Frania Corp.
Fieldstone Circle

Frank Chiaramitaro addressed the Commissioners. This was a referral from the Planning Board. Mr. Chiaramitaro reviewed the diagram of the 3 lots. Commissioners did a site walk and did not see any open water or poorly drained soil. Mr. Clifford asked Mr. Chiaramitaro if he was aware of any vegetation on the lots. Mr. Clifford has a list of types of vegetation that would show if the land is wetlands. A discussion ensued. Rev. Golledge motioned to notify the Plan Board that all appeared to be as stated by the soil scientist, seconded by Mr. Tilton. With one abstaining, there were 7 in approval. Letter will go to the Planning Board.

Open Space/Land Conservation

Steven Bird from the Rockingham Planning Commission provided us with an open space/land conservation draft to update the Town's master plan. Mr. Bunker circulated this draft to all Commissioners for their review and comments. He suggested that any recommended changes be sent to him as soon as possible so he can respond to Mr. Bird who sent this same draft to the Hampton Planning Board.

Kahn Conservation Easement
High Street

The donation of a conservation easement was approved by the Town Selectmen and Attorney Ells will send the Deed to Mr. Bunker.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bunker stated that the Treasurer's Report from Ellen Lavin showed as of June 30th, \$3,284.85. \$4,000 will be credited to the Conservation (Interest Bearing) Account.

New/Other Business

Mr. Bunker stated the Wetlands maps are in poor condition and the cost to order new maps is \$65.00. If the maps can be safeguarded from reasonable wear and tear, they should be ordered. Motion was made by Rev. Golledge, seconded by Mr. Weber. All in favor.

Mr. Bunker stated he had sent letters to the ZBA on a particular petition on expansion in a wetland area, and Ray Gilmore as follow-up letters.

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Mr. Bunker stated that a letter of intervention was sent to the Wetlands Board regarding a Foss Manufacturing application and a site walk will be scheduled.

Mr. Bunker stated that he had sent a letter to Dori Wiggin regarding Mr. McCarthy's application to the Wetlands Board after conducting a second site walk and further analysis.

The following applications have been approved by the Wetlands Board: Margaret Dennett, Uga/Blais and Hampton Water Works.

Rachel Fanger of the Newmarket Recreation Dept. called Mr. Bunker to say she has 25 or so volunteers ages 13-16 who wish to be involved in a Wetland/shoreland project. Mr. Bunker thanked Ms. Fanger for her interest but said there did not appear to be any need at this time.

Mr. Bunker reported that Detective Phil Russell reported a sign/placque stolen in the saltmarsh conservation area off Rt. 51. On July 22, Mr. Bunker called Detective Russell to see if any new information or leads. Detective Russell will send a report to the Conservation Commission when completed. Ms. Lawrence asked about replacing the placque. Mr. Tilton suggested approaching the issue at Town Meeting.

Mr. Bunker stated Don Graves, Building Inspector, said a wooden walk of some sort at the bottom of Plymouth Street over the dune area would be recommended. The people walking over the dunes are displacing the sand and allowing the ocean to wash thru the area.

Dori Wiggin spoke to Mr. Bunker later regarding this same dune area and a disturbance at the bottom of Thornton Street in that a dune area was bulldozed illegally. Dori is investigating the complaint and may need the assistance of the Conservation Commission in the near future.

Mr. Bunker reported that the Town Manager, Mr. Reisberg, said he had an Eagle Scout who would like a project. Mr. Reisberg suggested sending scouts into 12 Shares area to clean-up any trash or abandoned junk. The scouts would like to be involved in establishing some nature trails throughout that area for the Town's enjoyment.

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Mr. Bunker received copies of correspondence from Appledore Engineering to Don Graves, Building Inspector, and also to the Wetlands. Mr. Graves said the outer basin project at the Marina completed mid-June and inspected by his office along with Dori Wiggins and Frank Richardson. Mr. Graves said the project appears to be done very well. The project was approved through his office but without final plans of design stamped by a N.H. licensed professional engineer with marine experience. Mr. Graves said he did get the final design plans stamped by a marine engineer.

Mr. Clifford brought in an article appearing in the Atlantic News about developing the Whites Lane/Perkins property. In the article Selectman Paul Powell suggested to his Board of Selectmen to have the Town use the property for a recreation field. Mr. Clifford felt that any development of this nature would be a "slap in the face" after all the Commission had done to acquire the property. Furthermore, it was the wishes of the Perkins family that the land be left in its natural state to be enjoyed by the Townspeople for picnicing, camping, nature walks, etc.

Mr. Clifford said he had a conversation with another Selectman about the proposed recreation use of this property and who was under the impression that some trees had been cut. This happened to be some misinformation the Selectmen had heard and in fact was not true. Mr. Bunker had invited Mr. Powell to tonight's meeting, but due to scheduling, he was unable to attend. Mr. Bunker will invite Mr. Powell to our next meeting.

The consensus of the entire Commission is that we believe very strongly this property must be kept in its natural state. Mr. Bunker suggested the members of the Commission should make some suggestions of other Town owned properties that might be more suitable for such recreation.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Clifford motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lawrence. All in favor to adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Launi
Secretary