

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

June 28, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. Reid Bunker at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Vivianne Marcotte, Peter Tilton, Jr., Alberta True and David Weber. Alternates attending were Bonnie Thimble, sitting in for Sheila Nudd and Irene Palmer, sitting in for Jim Clifford.

The Minutes of May 24, 1994 were reviewed and amended as follows: fourth page, third paragraph and fifth paragraph. Mr. Tilton motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. Marcotte as amended. All in favor.

Wetland Applications

Edward Othmer
44 Mooring Drive

Mr. Othmer would like to build a deck, 11 1/2' x 12', in front (left side) of the house.

A site walk was done. Ms. Marcotte motioned not to oppose the application, seconded by Mr. Weber. All in favor. A letter will be sent to the Wetlands Board not opposing the application.

TLN Realty Trust
Towle Farm Road

The application is for 36 free standing, single family, condominium units with private roadways. It also proposes to restore degraded wetlands. A site walk was done.

Tom Nigrelli, applicant, and Mark West, ^{Wetlands} Scientist ~~for the NH Wetlands~~, addressed the Commission. Mr. Bunker stated that 5200 sq. ft. of wetland is to be dredged and 7500 sq. ft. is to be filled. Mr. West presented blueprints of the proposed crossing of the wetlands. A discussion ensued. Mr. Weber motioned not to oppose, seconded by Ms. Marcotte. With one abstaining, all were in favor.

Wetland Review/Planning Board

Oakes of Hampton Realty Trust

There was no further comment from the Commission on this plan.

TLN Realty Trust

The Commission is not opposed to this plan.

Wetland - Other Issues

Neal Gadwah
30 Hutchinson Drive

Mr. Gadwah has a request before the ZBA to build a garage to the rear of his property which will be situated 20' from the Meadow Pond area. The buffer area has been recently increased from 10' to 50' in his residence B location.

The Commission decided it would not be in favor of the plan as presented but would be happy to review a modified plan with less impact to the adjacent wetland area. Regardless of the ZBA decision, such a plan would require a NH Wetland Application.

James LeBlanc
Wave Motel
535 Ocean Blvd.

Mr. LeBlanc is the owner of the Wave Motel. Mr. Bunker stated that a site walk was done and that there was debris in the marsh and Dori Wiggin will go to see the site with Mr. Bunker in the next several days and perhaps talk with Mr. LeBlanc to see what has been changed since the first site walk.

Projects/Committees

Land Acquisition/Easement

Mr. Clifford was not at the meeting to report any new information. However, Mr. Bunker stated that Mr. Homer Johnson donated 17 acres of land in the 12 Shares area to the Hampton Conservation in 11/90. This was brought to light in reviewing a map drawn by Steve Bird of the Town's conservation areas.

Victory Garden

Bonnie Thimble reported the water to service the garden has been installed. She further requested any background information on the Victory Garden in an effort to encourage "N.H. Crossroads" to do a feature on TV. Mr. Bunker reported he had no file on these activities, but that Joe Pierce may have some early details on the project as he was involved in the Garden's beginning.

Publicity

Ms. Nudd was not at the meeting to report on this issue.

Bird Houses

Mr. Weber stated that the birds are in the houses. Ms. Thimble asked Mr. Weber if bird houses were put in the garden, would the birds be in jeopardy with the type of pesticides being used. A discussion ensued.

Marsh Conservation Marker

Ms. Lawrence was not at the meeting to report on the progress of this issue. Mr. Bunker stated, however, that he had received 2 donations: \$50.00 from the the Garden Club and \$250.00 from the Rotary Club. Mr. Bunker also stated he had sent a letter to the Fish & Game in hopes they might fund the balance of the costs of the marker.

Mr. Bunker handed out a map of the Town showing all the conservation areas as prepared by Steve Bird. The Commissioners should check to see if there are any areas omitted and let Mr. Bunker know before July's meeting. A short discussion ensued.

Education

Tidal Marsh Evaluation and Seminar

Mr. Bunker stated that he, Ms. Marcotte, Ms. True, Ms. Palmer and Ms. Thimble had attended the seminar. He gave a brief overview of this seminar. He would encourage more Commissioners to attend the next one if offered again by Audubon.

Mr. Bunker stated he had filed a complaint on a violation to a tidal buffer area off Ocean Blvd. that Ms. Dori Wiggin might be interested in. Both Ms. Wiggin and Mr. Bunker will do a site walk on Thursday, June 30th at this location.

Mr. Bunker introduced Dori Wiggin to the Commission as the guest speaker from the Wetlands Bureau Coastal Office.

Ms. Wiggin had a list of items that would be of interest to the Commissioners.

Ms. Wiggins then continued with her agenda.

1. Applications

Ms. Wiggin explained that our procedure on filing interventions could be improved upon if we would first decide on the magnitude of the application. If it is a minimum impact, perhaps we could send our letter of no objection with the application. Basically, we would have to change our policy of intervention on each application. Ms. Marcotte suggested that we alert the Building Inspector that we would like to assist each Wetland Applicant and time the review of the application with our monthly site walk and meeting/public hearing. Ms. Wiggin felt this would be a big help on her end of the process.

2. Reviewing Applications

Ms. Wiggin pointed out the important criteria for evaluation all wetland applications:

1. Is there a demonstrated need, and
2. Avoidance and minimization

She referred us to the NH Wetlands Administrative Rules and emphasized the need to pursue this criteria diligently regardless of the pressure we may feel from the applicant to approve of the project.

3. Checklists for preparing wetlands applications.
4. Complaint Checklists, minimum standards (will be sent to our Commission)
5. Enforcement Process
6. Interns from U.N.H.
7. Legislative issues on sand dunes
8. Workshops
Schools

A short discussion ensued on all these points.

Mr. Bunker thanked Ms. Wiggin for addressing the Commission.

Mr. Bunker stated that there is going to be a departmental meeting on Geographic Information Systems on July 8, 1994, from 9:30 - 11:00. Each Commissioner is urged to attend. This will be held at the Town Office specifically for the Commissions' benefit.

Mr. Bunker gave a brief overview of applications approved by the Wetland Board.

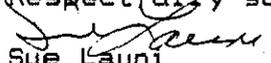
Mr. Bunker gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$6,051.82 in the Conservation Commission Account. Mr. Bunker spoke to John Adams from the Town regarding the \$1,351. that is due the Commission's account for the 1994 budget approved.

The Commission will meet next at 6:00 p.m. on July 26, 1994 to work on the Wetlands Ordinance, an hour before our regular meeting time.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office. The monthly site walk will be held on Saturday, July 23, 1994 meeting at the Town Office at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Marcotte motioned to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Weber. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Launi
Secretary