

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEWINGTON, N.H. 03801-2712

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWINGTON CONSERVATION
COMMISSION HELD AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2001

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were George Fletcher, Dorothy Watson, Jack O'Reilly, Barbara McDonald, Peg Lamson, Nancy Cauvette, Jane Hislop and Kay Akerley. Absent: Jim Leger.

Because Tom Murphy of Holden Engineering had not yet arrived to present the landscaping plan for the new Kohl store, Tom Morgan, Town Planner, briefed the Commission on the history of the town Wetlands Ordinance so that the Commission could better address the project assigned to it by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. It was decided a workshop should be held and Tom agreed to meet with the Commission and offer further assistance as needed. The workshop was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 June 2001 at the Town Hall.

Tom Murphy of Holden Engineering presented the landscaping plan for the Kohl store at the Newington Mall. After discussions and questions by Commission members, Jane Hislop made a motion that the Commission accept the plan with the stipulation that Scotch pine -- or some other salt-tolerant trees -- be used in place of white pine, and that the Commission be furnished a copy of the final acknowledgement of contract for maintenance. Seconded by Peg Lamson. Motion carried.

The Commission discussed the 11 April 2001 memo to the Commission from the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen on the subject of action to secure additional conservation land funding. It was decided that this subject needs further study and discussion and will be addressed in future work sessions.

Chairman Akerley said Jerry Gagne of Meridian Land Services had called and requested that the Commission suggest some low-maintenance type plantings that could be used at the Industrial Road/River Road island. He said a sketch was at the Town Hall. The sketch was inadequate and Commission members agreed more information concerning the island was needed before any such recommendations could be made.

Tom Morgan informed the Commission that Mr. Howard Patten, who had requested to meet with the Commission (and had been put on the agenda) to discuss landscaping at 32 Nimble Hill Road, had called and said he could not make the meeting.

Chairman Akerley said after being contacted by Sandy Hislop of Gret Bay Marine on 1 May 2001 concerning urgently-needed dredging in order to clear the sediment which was preventing boats being launched at the ramp, she agreed to conduct a voice vote of the Commission members and, if a sufficient number approved, she would sign the Minimum Impact Expedited Application the next day. George Fletcher, Dorothy Watson, and Nancy Cauvette voted approval; Jane Hislop abstained. (The Chairman was unable to reach other members at that time.) The Chairman signed the application on 2 May 2001.

The Chairman advised that DES had approved the following wetlands applications: Newington Energy, LLC/Newington Power Facility; Sprague Energy, New Industrial Corridor; Great Bay Marine, dredging of boat ramp; PDA, near runway for purpose of reducing risk of bird strikes; Allard Moving and Storage, fill for relocation; Newington Planning Board, Denis Hebert, fill for industrial corridor road, Patterson Lane to River Road; Lordco Pier Assoc., remove and replace deteriorated pilings.

Jane Hislop mentioned the unsightly rubbish along Woodbury Avenue near the Toys 'R Us store. Jack O'Reilly said the Selectmen would look into this.

Dorothy Watson advised that to her annoyance, and the annoyance of others wishing to enjoy the town-owned property at the end of Carter's Lane, a privately owned fence has been installed which restricts free access to the town-owned area. Peg Lamson said this has been a problem for years. Jack O'Reilly said the Selectmen would look into the matter. It was observed that the longer this restrictive fence is allowed to stand, the more difficult it will be to have it removed.

Election of officers was held. Jane Hislop made a motion that Peg Lamson be elected Chairman, and Kay Akerley as Vice Chairman and Secretary. Seconded by Dorothy Watson. Motion carried.

On motion by Jack O'Reilly and seconded by Jane Hislop, it was voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kay Akerley
Secretary pro tem