

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWINGTON CONSERVATION
COMMISSION HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2004

Present were Commission members Margaret Lamson, Dorothy Watson, Nancy Cauvet, Jane Hislop, George Fletcher, Barbara McDonald and Kay Akerley, and Tom Morgan, Town Planner.

Chairman Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of 11 December 2003 were read. Barbara McDonald made a motion to accept the minutes with the following amendment on page 1, fourth paragraph, fifth line, by deleting the word "money" and adding "Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund." Seconded by Nancy Cauvet. Motion carried.

Mark West of West Environmental was present to update the Commission on his work on the wetlands project and to present to members his recommendation for 18 areas to be designated PRIME. He had aerial maps on which the town's wetland areas were clearly defined, and these were used as a reference as Mark explained reasons for his determination that these areas, out of the list of inventoried wetlands, should be designated PRIME. He handed out copies of Page 72 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules (Wt 701.04 Selection of Designated Prime Wetlands and Wt 702.02 Map Format). He pointed out the specific criteria which must be met in order for wetlands to be considered PRIME. He also passed out copies of the list of the town's inventoried wetlands and went down the list, explaining why some had finally been selected for designation as PRIME, and why others had not been so selected.

The areas Mark has recommended for designation as PRIME are as follows:

- P-1 Near McIntyre Brook – will name later.
- P-2 Pond – Kennard's
- P-3 Tidal marsh below Kennard's Pond
- P-4 Tidal mudflats – Jack Mazeau's
- P-5 Hodgdon Farm tidal marsh
- P-6 Pease – site of bulbous bittercress

- P-7 PSNH – stream
- P-8 Paul’s Brook – Tyco
- P-9 Town Forest – north ramp
- P-10 North Ramp
- P-11 Upper Pickering Brook & Flagstone’s ditch
- P-12 Rollins Farm stream and tidal marsh (PSNH)
- P-13 Trickey’s Cove – salt marsh/tidal wetland
- P-14 Shackford lot – small tidal marsh
- P-15 Lower Knight’s Brook
- P-16 Salt marsh near town beach, Fox Point
- P-17 Old mill pond (across from Reed’s)
- P-18 Boiling Springs, Little Bay Road

Mark explained that those areas designated PRIME will go on the town maps for approval by townspeople. (Inventoried wetlands do not go on the town maps.)

Barbara McDonald made a motion that the Commission go on record as approving the selection of 18 designated PRIME wetlands, selected in accordance with NH Code of Administrative Rules Wt 701.04, as delineated and presented by Mark West, certified wetlands scientist; however, this does not constitute a request for town meeting approval at this time. Seconded by George Fletcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara McDonald advised that she had attended the 1 December 2003 meeting of the Board of Adjustment meeting which had under consideration Portsmouth Chevrolet’s request for zoning adjustment in order to allow the company to build a new building on a different footprint, while allowing the existing building to be utilized until the new one is completed. She said a N.H Soils Consultants representative was there, as well as Atty. Pelech. Barbara said she had asked for a copy of the Functional Analysis Report; Atty. Pelech said one would be provided

the Conservation Commission. To date the report has not been received. Barbara made a motion that the Commission go on record as not having received a copy of the Functional Analysis Report from the N.H. Soils consultant, representing Portsmouth Chevrolet, as promised by Atty. Pelech. Seconded by Nancy Cauvet. Motion carried. Mark West said he would provide the Commission with information as to what kind of information is included in a Functional Analysis Report. The Chairman said a copy of this will be attached to the next packet of papers forwarded to members prior to next month's meeting. The Chairman thanked Barbara for attending the Board of Adjustment meeting. George Fletcher also attended to represent the Sewer Commission. He said Portsmouth Chevrolet could not do any building until the Sewer Commission approves, because the proposed project would affect the easement which the Sewer Commission holds in order to provide access to the sewer plant, and this problem must be addressed.

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting will be on 12 February 2004.

George Fletcher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jane Hislop. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Kay Akerley
Vice Chair/Secretary