

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWINGTON CONSERVATION
COMMISSION HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004

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

In the absence of Chairman Lamson, Vice Chair Kay Akerley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

All members present had read the minutes of the previous meeting. Barbara McDonald made a motion that the minutes of the 22 January 2004 meeting be approved, seconded by Nancy Cauvet. Motion carried.

Tom Morgan passed out to each member a copy of the town tax map, prepared by Meridian Land Services, Inc., on which prime wetlands were mapped and indexed. These maps are smaller versions (17" x 11") of the large maps which Meridian is preparing for the town. Tom indicated that on the tax map, the town is divided into 56 numbered areas. He had copies of maps of the individual areas on which prime wetlands are located. These maps were reviewed and any necessary corrections noted. Barbara McDonald asked if it would be a good idea to indicate all inventoried wetlands on the maps – not just the prime ones. It was agreed that only the prime wetlands should be indicated on the town tax maps. Barbara suggested that the prime wetlands be indicated and indexed on the individual maps. It was agreed that this would be helpful. Tom will notify Meridian.

Tom Morgan said the plan is to make the big map and the maps of the individual areas available for perusal in the town hall prior to and during town meeting. Tom agreed to prepare a notice inviting townspeople to familiarize themselves with the proposed zoning ordinance and the Commission's undertakings in bringing to fruition a state-of-the-art inventory of the town's wetlands.

Barbara McDonald said she thought the Commission should address Lulu Pickering's letter concerning the ordinance. Other members felt that Lulu's concerns and questions have been addressed, both in the ordinance itself and personally in discussion with Lulu at the Commission's meeting on 11 December 2003.

Dorothy Watson said Lulu had asked her to make inquiry as to the Commission's response to her letter. It was reiterated that the Commission believes the proposed ordinance clearly addresses the concerns Lulu has raised.

Kay Akerley said she understood the Functional Analysis Report which Barbara McDonald had requested of Atty. Pelech when she attended the Board of Adjustment meeting on 1 December in connection with Portsmouth Chevrolet's plans for expansion has been received and copy sent to Mark West. Tom Morgan said the Portsmouth Chevrolet people would be attending the Commission's March meeting. Barbara read a paragraph of the report, which was prepared by N.H. Soil Consultants, Inc., in which "effluent from the adjacent sewer plant" was listed as one of the contaminants of the surrounding ground water. George Fletcher, who is Chairman of the Sewer Commission, found this statement false and unsettling. He will address this issue with N.H. Soil Consultants representatives.

There being no further business, Barbara McDonald made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Cauvet. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Kay Akerley
Vice Chair/Secretary