

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2001

Present were Commission members Nancy Cauvet, Jane Hislop, George Fletcher, Dorothy Watson, Barbara McDonald, Margaret Lamson, Kay Akerley, and BOS rep Jack O'Reilly. Absent was Commission member Jim Leger.

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

Jack O'Reilly made a motion that the minutes of 17 January 2002 be accepted; seconded by Jane Hislop. Motion carried.

The Chairman reviewed various correspondence received. One item of interest to all was the announcement of the Annual Coastal Watershed Forum which will be conducted by the NH Coastal Program/NH Estuaries Project at the Newington Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 30 April 2002.

A letter from the New England Wildflower Society was noted. Nancy Cauvet said she had volunteered to become a member of the New England Plant Conservation Volunteer Corps.

A letter from the Office of State Planning advising that the Office is looking for new coastal wetland restoration projects was discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman will call the sender and advise that we would like more time to consider what areas we have, if any, which could benefit from such a project.

A letter from Laura Simmons, Chairman of the North Hampton Planning Board, concerning a presentation by the U.S. Geological Survey, DES, and Office of State Planning on the subject "Sustainability of Ground Water Resources in the Seacoast Region of New Hampshire" was discussed. Although the letter arrived too late to permit attendance by any Commission members, Selectman Iocovozzi had attended. It was agreed that the proposed USGS regional study of water resources as outlined in the letter was something the Commission would like to support. The cost to Newington would be \$5000 over a three-year period. Jack O'Reilly said it had been too late to put anything in the budget for this purpose, but said he was sure money could be found for the town's first-year participation. It was

agreed this study will fit in nicely with the Commission's project with Mark West. George Fletcher made a motion that the Commission go on record as supporting the concept of the proposed study; seconded by Jane Hislop. Motion carried.

The Chairman read a letter from Philip M. Hastings, attorney for Wal-Mart, concerning landscape maintenance plan. It was agreed that the letter was essentially unresponsive to the request that Wal-Mart submit an acceptable landscape maintenance plan. Jack O'Reilly made a motion that the Commission advise Wal-Mart that while we appreciate the fact that they want to get their grounds up to plan requirements, we cannot agree with any proposal that does not include a maintenance plan as required by the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Dorothy Watson. Motion carried. Barbara McDonald said mention should be made of the 15 trees which had been promised

The Commission briefly discussed Chris Cross' letter of 7 February 2002 concerning the Tricky's Cove Conservation Project. Chris was present to answer any questions. It was agreed everything is on track.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to correcting the land-use map for RRPC as part of our wetlands inventory project

As requested by the Chairman, members agreed to hold a workshop with Mark West at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 7 March 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kay Akerley  
Vice Chair/Secretary