

The Town of Newington
New Hampshire – Incorporated 1764
Newington Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 19, 2007

1. **Call to Order:** 7:10 pm, Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 7:10. Vice-chair Barbara McDonald announced that she was not reappointed. Dorothy, Justin, George, and Peggy all voiced their thanks for her efforts. Discussion took place on how to transfer the chair to allow for election of new officers. Barbara appointed Justin to temporary chair to hold the election. At that point Barbara stepped down from the commission.

Justin moved to open the election. Jane moved to elect Justin as chair, 2nd by Peggy. Justin accepted and motion carried.

Peggy moved to elect George as Vice-chair but he refused.

Justin moved to elect Peggy for Vice –chair, 2nd by Jane. Peggy accepted and motion carried.

Present: Justin Richardson, Peggy Lamson, Jane Hislop, Dorothy Watson, George Fletcher, and Tom Morgan, Town Planner.

Guests: Vincent Frank, Barbara McDonald, Jodi Castoallo (Project Coordinator, New Hampshire Estuaries Project), Gregory Harville, Sherri Davis (Wilcox) Andrew Nowacki (VIP,Ames MSC), and Rob Hoover (HBLA)

2. **New Business:**

- a. **NH Estuaries Project – Jodi Castallo** presented 2 maps to the town and commission that show the following:
- i. Buffer Characteristics Map that shows 2nd order and higher streams. These streams have a 300 ft buffer dark shading that with greater than 10% impervious surfaces. Lighter shading is less than 10% impervious surfaces. The 300 ft buffer was chosen for wildlife corridor and 100 ft for water quality to demonstrate the buffers from intact to altered lands.
 - ii. Impervious surfaces from 1990 to present demonstrates sprawl of the region.
 - iii. Jodi also discussed other issues the NH Estuaries Project can assist (free) with such as storm water, impervious surfaces, conservation lands, buffers, and have non-matching grants. She answered several questions from the commission and handed out bookmarks, pamphlets and the maps.
- b. **Wilcox Industries – Gregory Harville and Sherrie Davis** presented changes to plan for storm water issues and wetlands issues. They discussed the retention basin, planting in the basin, drainage swale, building addition and vegetated filter strip. Tom brought the zoning question on the definition of surface water. It was decided that the CC

needs to confer with Mark West to develop the definition of surface water. The discussion and questions continued to cover the various issues. After the discussion, Jane made motion, 2nd by Peggy to accept the Wilcox plan, motion carried. A letter to DES, e-mail to Doria of CC acceptance.

- c. **VIP – Andrew Nowacki (Ames MSC) and Rob Hoover (HBLA)** presented changes to landscape plan that includes:

- i. Additional planting for a vegetation buffer facing the house.
- ii. Signature block on L1 and L2
- iii. Pest management on L2 1st paragraph

The CC discussed the additions. Peggy voiced the need to soften the south side wall with some plantings. A viburnum species was suggested that would not block the windows and doors. Would reduce the amount of mowing and less care needed. After discussion, Jane made motion to move to accept the landscape plan subject with the changes to include the addition to plantings of recommended “viburnum” along the south side, 15ft on center not including windows/doors, contiguous to the height of the window. 2nd by Peggy, motion carried.

- d. **Sprague** - (no representative present) After discussion, George made a motion to accept the notice of Administrative completeness, 2nd by Jane, motion carried.
- e. **Ground water management permit renewal** - by PDA. After discussion, no action was taken.
- f. **Wetlands – School ground** – Discussion took place about the Town’s (BOS) plan of the wetland area. Included was cutting down the willow tree and hiring Swamp Co. to remove the reeds. Peggy made motion for the chair to write a letter to the BOS to consult with Mark West for the best methods to manage the area. 2nd by Dorothy, motion carried.

3. Old Business:

- a. **Recycle Office paper** – CC noted the letter from the BOS on recycling office paper.
- b. **Current Use of Khasla land** – Discussion include the current use \$ if developed or purchased by the PDA. Justin recused from discussion. Barbara retracted her estimate of current use amount from the March minutes. Tom stated the value is \$130,000. The BOS believe that the sale is void due to the lack of the current use \$.
- c. **Warrant Article** – postpone but the endangered species project was funded. There was discussion to start the project at the Boiling Springs to determine if any species are present.
- d. **Allied Continental Development Group** – After discussion Jane made a motion to send a letter to DES to intervene on the wetlands and storm water issues of the site. Peggy 2nd, motion carried.
- e. **Town Forest Update** – Peggy and Tom conducted discussion of the update. PDA is to meet with the BOS. Various items have been added to the deed. The discussion went back to the Endangered Species project, Town Forest and PDA. Peggy requested herself. After the discussion, Jane made a motion to send Mark out to start the Endanger Species Survey at the

Boiling Springs. George 2nd, motion carried. Tom would like any pictures of species for the Web site.

- f. Minutes of March 8th 2007** – motion made by Jane, 2nd by Peggy, minutes accepted, motion carried.
- g.** George moved to adjourn the meeting – 2nd by Justin, motion carried at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Jane E. Hislop