

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION HELD ON 17 JULY 2003

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

Chairman Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Nancy Cauvet made a motion that the minutes of the meeting of 10 July 2003 be accepted; seconded by Dorothy Watson. Motion carried.

The Chairman passed out copies of a draft letter to Mr. Collis Adams, Wetlands Bureau Administrator, DES, Concord, and Ms. Dori Wiggin of the Portsmouth Field Office of DES, re the permit application of Packard Development for the proposed Mall in Greenland, specifically a proposed change to the project which would include on-site septic for this development. The draft was prepared by Peter Britz, Environmental Planner for the City of Portsmouth. A similar letter was prepared by him for Mr. Laurie Suda, Regulatory Office, New England District, US Army Corps of Engineers. The letters were prepared for the signature of the Chairpersons of the Portsmouth, Greenland and Newington Conservation Commissions.

After discussion, Kay Akerley moved that Chairman Lamson sign the letter for Newington; seconded by Jane Hislop. Motion carried.

The Chairman noted that the Rockingham Planning Commission was hosting an "impact session" on the proposed Greenland Mall project at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 July, in Exeter. Tom Morgan will be going and he recommended that as many of the Commission members as possible attend also.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Mark West to bring members up to date on the wetlands inventory project. Commission members were given draft copies of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations rewrite - Article X - Wetlands Conservation District. Mark had indicated his proposed changes in italics. The draft was reviewed line by line and changes or corrections made as consensus was reached. Concerning Section 6 - Wetland Buffer Provisions, and Section 7 - Structure Setbacks, it was agreed Tom Morgan will attempt to make the guidelines a little clearer by presenting them in table form. Mark West will smooth up the draft and present a final recommendation to Tom Morgan within two weeks. Tom will get copies to Commission members for perusal prior to the next meeting.

Since the next regular meeting on 14 August is expected to be a lengthy one, it was agreed to meet at 6:30 p.m. in lieu of 7. Mark agreed to be present.

The Chairman noted that the estimated cost for the preparation of a new Wetland Ordinance, meetings with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board, etc. will be \$1800. These monies will be available as part of the cost for updating the town Master Plan.

The Chairman referred to the Minimum Impact Expedited Application of Susan Philbrick Rev. Trust of 4 Brickyard Way to replace 100 linear feet of existing stone, wood and riprap wall that is rotting and falling down with granite block wall. The Commission has received a copy of DES' reply to the Philbricks stating that the proposed project is considered major, not minimum impact, and requesting additional information.

Kay Akerley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jane Hislop. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Kay Akerley
Secretary/Vice Chair