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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 2002 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Sturgis, Members Green, McNeil, Tanner, Wazlaw, Walters, and Alternate Member Miller (at 3:41 p.m.).

Also Present: Dave Defosses, Public Works Engineer, and Peter Britz, Environmental Planner.

Absent: Member Cormier, excused.

Chair Sturgis called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the July 10, 2002 meeting

Member McNeil made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2002 meeting. Member Walters seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

2. Dredge and Fill Permit Application - City of Portsmouth, Peirce Island

Dave Defosses explained that the City plans to make improvements to the outdoor pool at Peirce Island. He explained that some changes are due to the River Walk Project managed by the Community Development Office. In addition, the pool water currently discharges in the river and should be discharged into the sewer system.

Chair Sturgis questioned if there was a reduction in pavement in the buffer zone. Dave Defosses said that it would be a great reduction.

Member McNeil made a motion to recommend approval. Member Wazlaw seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

3. Conditional Use Permit Application - Liberty Mutual, Borthwick Avenue

Mike Leo representing Liberty Mutual Group presented the proposed application for the Borthwick Avenue site. The purpose of the project is to add an additional generator near the existing two generators in the rear of the building. In addition, pavement would be added to the existing gravel driveway for effective fuel delivery to the generators.

Member Tanner was concerned that the water run off would be discharged into the wetlands. Mr. Leo explained that a few years ago the wetlands issue was discussed and there is a filtering system that alleviates run off in the wetlands.

Member Green recommended that a small berm be built to further ensure drainage does not run into the wetlands. He also recommended a fuel overflow device to protect the pond from overflows.

Chair Sturgis clarified that the paving is outside of the buffer zone.

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Member Green made a motion to recommend approval of the application with a stipulation that a berm be added all the way to the bend in the road to ensure all water flow goes into the catch basin and further, the Commission expresses a strong recommendation (not action) that any water going into the pond be filtered. Member Walters seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

4. Adoption of Conservation Commission Rules and Procedures

The Commission Members asked questions and further gave recommended amendments that Peter Britz recorded and will amend accordingly.

Member Walters made a motion to accept the rules and procedures with the suggested changes discussed. Member Tanner seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

5. Next Meeting - September 11, 2002

Chair Sturgis recommended not to hold a meeting on September 11th.

Member McNeil made a motion to reschedule the meeting to September 12, 2002. Member Tanner seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

Minutes taken and typed by:

B. Christopher Maxwell, Deputy City Clerk