

**MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 11, 2003 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
1 JUNKINS AVENUE  
Conference Room "A"**

3:30 p.m.

June 11, 2003

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Alanson Sturgis; Members Carlton McNeil; Allison Tanner; Brian Wazlaw; Don Green; Charles Cormier; J. Lyn Walters; and, alternate Steve Miller

**ALSO PRESENT:** Peter Britz, Environmental Planner

**ABSENCE EXCUSED:**

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Chairman Sturgis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room "A"

1. Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. McNeil made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2003 meeting; Mr. Walters second and all approved with a 7 – 0 vote.

2. Conditional Use Permit Applications:

- a) Aranco Oil Co. for Route 33 (This application was postponed by request of the applicant, from May 14, 2003 to this meeting).

Chairman Sturgis stated that a letter had been received from Attorney Malcolm O'Neill who requested the application be postponed to the July 9, 2003 meeting.

Mr. Wazlaw made a motion to table the application to the July 9, 2003 meeting; Mr. Walters seconded and was approved with a 7 – 0 vote.

Ms. Tanner asked if an independent scientist would be looking at this project? Chairman Sturgis replied he did not think so; however, he was sure that a site walk would be scheduled.

- b) M. Villandry for Spring Street

Mr. Robert Gray, stated he was a general contractor out of the seacoast area and the project involved is a real small New England home. He stated the family needs additional living space and a 20' x 30' one story addition is being planned at the rear of the structure for the living room and a ½ bath. A 14' x 22' deck is being is being planned off the new addition in the rear.

Mr. Gray stated the existing 10' x 12' addition and the existing 12' x 15' deck will be removed before new construction is started.

Mr. McNeill made a motion to recommend approval to the Planning Board with the stipulation the deck not be larger than 10' x 16' in size rather than 14' x 22' as advertised; Mr. Walters seconded and all agreed with a 7 – 0 vote.

c) S. R. Gross for Cate Street

Mr. Gross stated he had received approval for a Conditional Use Permit; however, the approval expired on April 25, 2003. The project is just exactly the same as it was when approved – nothing has changed.

Mr. Walters made a recommendation to the Planning Board that the Conditional Use Permit be approved; Mr. Greene seconded and was approved with a 7 – 0 vote.

d) J. & M. Mitchell for McGee Drive

Mr. Mitchell stated he felt the application was pretty straight forward. We are anticipating putting an in-ground pool. We are proposing a fence all around the yard. There is no other location on the lot for the pool. The wetland buffers cover the whole backyard. The property located two houses down the street has the same type pool we are proposing. We want to back flush the water into the sewer line. The pool could be moved up closer to the sewer easement, but we do not want to remove the existing pine tree and only a couple of feet would be gained.

Ms. Tanner stated that a pool is a luxury. The Commission is not supposed to approve anything where anything is flushed into the wetlands. There is no way to monitor this.

Mr. McNeil made a recommendation to the Planning Board that the Conditional Use Permit be approved with no stipulations; Mr. Green seconded.

The motion to recommend approval to the Planning Board passed with a 6 – 1 vote with Ms. Tanner voting in the negative.

3. Other Business
4. Next scheduled Meeting: July 9, 2003
5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Long  
Secretary  
Planning Department