



CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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MINUTES FOR  
NOVEMBER 2, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Place, Andrew Sheehan, Julie McCarthy, Bob Young,  
Janet Waldron

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: John Chalmers

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Ian Rubin, Joe Tiano, Ed Metro, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bolger, Edward  
Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. William Kingman, Janet Clark

8:02 Ms. Place called the meeting to order.

Lot 28A (#10) Puritan Road

The Commission discussed the issues of 10 Puritan Road.

8:15 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - 16 Barker Road D-88-22 10/19/88

Ms. Place opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Wetlands Bylaw for the replacement of existing septic system.

The Administrator reported that the existing leaching field has failed, and needs to be replaced. The new proposed location of the leaching field will be 107' from the edge of wetlands, but there will be grading within the 100' buffer zone.

Mr. Sheehan moved to find the work within the Commission's jurisdiction as presented, but will not alter the area subject to protection under the Act. Ms. Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:21 MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of August 3, and August 17 as amended, but will hold the minutes for September, and October for further comment.

8:30 NOTICE OF INTENT - Stoneymeade Subdivision 75-187 10/7/88

The Administrator reported that abutters were not properly notified by certified mail.

The Commission informed the applicant that they must refile the Notice of Intent and notify abutters correctly. The Commission allowed informal discussion of the plans. After discussions, the Commission asked the applicant to provide plans for a 4,500 s.f. wetland replacement area for their formal hearing.

The Commission requested permission of the applicant to conduct another site visit. The applicant agreed. The date and time will be arranged through staff.

9:07 BUSINESS

Wheeler Lane Dam

The Commission agreed to expend Conservation funds towards the repair of the dam. It was noted that timing is a key factor.

9:25 Boy Scouts Camp Out - Grassy Pond

The Administrator reported that he has received a request to camp out on Grassy Pond on the weekend of November 12 and 13, 1988. Mr. Sheehan moved to grant permission to the Boy Scouts provided that they inform the local authorities, and obtain a camp fire permit from the Fire Department. Ms. Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bylaw Meeting

The Commission will hold a bylaw meeting on November 9, 1988.

Willis Holden - Letter to Gail Wick

The Administrator reported that he has drafted a letter to Mrs. Wick regarding the Commission's position on the continued maintenance of the conservation common land, and the placement of their utility pole.

The Commission still wants to obtain legal advice from town council on allowing the utility pole to remain on conservation land, and on allowing the Wick's to maintain part of the conservation land as a ground area of their land.

9:30 NOTICE OF INTENT - 77 Hosmer Street 75-188 10/11/88  
Concord Auto Auction

Ms. Place opened the hearing under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaws for the construction of a concrete diversion box.

Ms. Janet Clark presented plans to place a diversion box and pipe, creating the removal of 150 cubic yards of material. This diversion box will be a concrete chamber 20' X 40' in size. This box is designed to hold the 'first flush' of drainage (contaminated runoff) from the surrounding impervious surfaces during a storm. The first flush water enters the natural swale, where sediment is dropped and volatile organics are allowed to dissipate.

Then the clean storm runoff (second wave) will drain directly into Clearview Pond. The only increase in the water level of Clearview Pond will be during a storm, which will not alter the existing wetlands on the site.

All wetland soils will be relocated in the wetland immediately around the disturbance. Total disturbance within the wetland buffer zone will be approximately 50', and appx. 30' of disturbed vegetated wetland. A section eight feet long of the bank of Clearview Pond will be altered with riprap to channel the stormwater to the pond. Equipment to prepare the bed for the diversion box and culvert to the pond will move and stand in the buffer zone. This will include a truck and backhoe. The bed for the box culvert to the pond will cross upland buffer zone areas. Silt fences will be used to prevent siltation from entering the pond. The soils underlying this area are compact sandy loams that will easily support heavy equipment.

Ms. Clark noted to the Commission that this Notice of Intent is a separate filing from the Order of Conditions granted under Town Bylaw File 75-175, DEQE 85-246, therefore the approval of these plans would create two outstanding Orders of Conditions on this parcel of land. The original plans have not changed regarding the amount of proposed pavement and wetland filling under the first Order of Conditions 75-175/85-246.

9:33 Hearing no further comments or questions, Ms. Place closed the meeting.

#### AUDUBON HILL

Based on the site walk of Audubon Hill the Commission discussed Roy Smith's proposal of excavating wetlands on site, and creating two ponds.

Mr. Sheehan moved to have staff send a letter to Mr. Smith stating the Commission's opposition of creating two ponds, versus leaving the wetlands as they exist on the site.

9:40 Lot 28A (#10) Puritan Road

The Commission discussed the referenced project, and noted that although the wetlands may not exist on the site now, they must recognize it's previous existence prior to the stock piling of materials on this lot. It was decided to require the applicant to maintain what does exist as a wetland.

9:46

NOTICE OF INTENT - Concord Auto Auction

The Commission had discussions, and will hold their decision until the November 16, 1988 meeting.

10:53

Meeting Adjourned.

*Carol Place*

Carol Place, Chairperson

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