

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER 18, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Sheehan, Ann Shubert, John Chalmers, Ken Dow, Carol Place, Pam Resor

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andy Sheehan

VISITORS: Samuel Paolini, Debra DiDuca, Rosemarie Sullivan, George LeMasurier

8:05 Ms. Place called the meeting to order.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

There were no concerns stated.

BUSINESS

The Commission and the Administrator discussed several items of business. A Town Bylaw Rules and Regulations meeting was set for November 8 at 7:30 P.M., in order to continue the work on the Rules and Regs.

The Administrator handed out fliers for all Commissioners to post around town, advertising the autumn walk at the Arboretum, scheduled for October 22.

Upon the Commission's response, the Administrator will be submitting a Notice of Intent for upgrading the trails at the Grassy Pond conservation area.

The Acton Conservation Trust has approved a grant request for \$500 in order to buy supplies for repairing the dam at Wheeler Lane. The money will be available probably in December. The Administrator hopes to begin the repairs this fall, but all is dependent upon possible inspections and a permit approval from the Army Corps of Engineers.

AVERETT LAND ON AUDUBON HILL

The parking lot and preliminary trail cut have been completed according to the PCRC with Roy Smith. The Administrator suggested renaming the parcel Pratt's Brook Conservation Area, since Pratt's Brook runs through the property. The Commission decided to wait before making a decision. They thought the new proposed name was good, but hesitated to change it out of respect to the Averetts.

MEADOWVIEW DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Board will hear the Meadowview Definitive Subdivision Plan on Monday, October 23, 1989 at their regular meeting.

8:30 CONTINUATION - REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - Haley Lane

The meeting had been continued pending the clarification of a depression at the end of the proposed driveway, as it goes in off River Street. The Administrator and members of the Commission had inspected the area in question and looked at the Town's Wetland Maps, but there was no indication that there was a wetland on that spot.

The Administrator suggested approving a part of the Request to allow the construction of the road and house lots 4 & 5, but requiring that a Notice of Intent be filed for the construction of lot 6. Ms. Place closed the meeting.

DECISION: Mr. Sheehan moved to find that the Commission has jurisdiction over the Request for Haley Lane, that the roadway and lots 4 and 5 will not impact the wetlands, but that lot 6 will require a Notice of Intent. Mr. Dow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

8:45 (Mr. Dow excused himself for the rest of the evening's business)

DISCUSSION - AVERETT LAND

The Commission agrees that Pratt's Brook is a good name, but wants to still recognize the Averetts for their contribution. Ann Shubert suggested asking Mrs. Averett if she has a preference for the name.

BUSINESS

The Administrator has received donations of gravel and stonedust for the Arboretum, for the creation of the sidewalk and handicap access trails. He said the Highway Department is likely to install the sidewalk this fall.

Mr. Chalmers stated that he had received a call looking to get permission for Boy Scouts to set off rockets in the Weatherbee Street fields.

Ms. Resor moved to allow the Scouts to set off their rockets on the Weatherbee Street lands, as long as they pick up all the debris after it is over. Mr. Chalmers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

NOTICE OF INTENT - 141 Great Road

The site, previously occupied by Eva Botelle, is being converted into a carpet showroom. The applicant is proposing an addition to the back of the building, a porch off the front and an adjustment of parking lot, including increasing the capacity slightly.

There will be a new detention basin on the site, near the existing detention basin at the front of the property. The new basin will be an infiltration basin, with water coming into it from a diversion box. The new basin will be four feet deep, clay lined, and loamed and seeded on the bottom and sides. Seeing the Commission's concerns regarding fertilizer use near wetland areas, the applicant stated that he would use no fertilizers around the detention areas.

The plans show landscaping around the existing detention basin, which the applicant said could be planted by hand to minimize impact on the wetlands. Ms. Place closed the hearing.

DECISION: Mr. Chalmers moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, plus five additional conditions for 141 Great Road:

1. There shall be no storage of excavated materials within 100 feet of a wetland;
2. There shall be no snow storage on the inside of the driveway within 50 feet of the wetlands;
3. There shall be no use of fertilizers within 100 feet of the wetland;
4. There shall be haybales installed at the bottom of the existing detention basin, as well as where they are indicated on the plans;
5. All plantings around the detention basins shall be done by hand.

Ms. Resor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

9:35

Meeting Adjourned.


Carol Place, Chair