

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
DECEMBER 6, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Place, Bob Young, Pam Resor, Andrew Sheehan, Ann Shubert, John Chalmers

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrew Sheehan

8:00 Ms. Place called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

The Commission welcomed Charlotte Timlege as an associate member

The Commission signed applications approved at the November 22 meeting:

- Notice of Intent for Haartz Auto Fabric - Town #75-212
- Request for Determination for Boston Gas at Nonset Path and Great Road in the Village of Nagog Woods D-89-22

The Commission discussed the Planning Board's recent approval with conditions of the Meadowview Subdivision on Robbins Street.

TOWN BYLAW RULES & REGULATIONS

Mr. Sheehan distributed the most recent version of the Bylaw Rules & Regulations and requested that the Commission respond with comments by next Monday, December 11. He said that any comments would be incorporated into a revised draft and then it would be sent to MACC, Acton Survey, Stamski & McNary, and the University of Mass. Extension Service for professional review. After comments from those people are received the next draft will be sent to Town Counsel.

UPDATE - CONSERVATION LANDS

The Administrator furnished copies to the Commission of two IDC's he is sending to the Town Manager regarding the renaming of two conservation areas. The Commission had previously agreed to rename the Audubon Hill parcel Pratt's Brook Conservation Area, and the area from the Bellow's Farm PCRC Nashoba Brook Conservation Area. Several members had reservations about renaming the Pratt's Brook area. They felt that the Averitt's should be notified, since they were the previous owners. Pam Resor stated that she would speak to the Averitt's about this issue.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW - Acton Water District

Tom Hanna, a representative of Dufresne-Henry presented the preliminary review for Kennedy Well Site #1, located in the old Kennedy gravel pit just south of Somerville Lumber on north Main Street. Four satellite wells will pump water into an air stripping tower, which will be used to increase volatilization of volatile chemicals in the water. This will reduce the costs of chemical treatments with KOH (Potassium hydroxide). The area will be accessed along an existing gravel road, which runs between two wetland areas. There are gravel banks on both sides of the road. The water main that will need to be installed will go in the existing drive, which is within the 100 foot buffer zone. The water main will require digging a narrow trench about five feet deep.

The Commission questioned what effect, if any, the pumping of so much water will have on the surface wetlands. The applicant said he would provide that information at the definitive Notice of Intent hearing. The Commission and the applicant agreed to meet at the site for a site inspection next Saturday. The Conservation Commission thanked Mr. Hanna for coming in.

BOWEN PROPERTY

The Administrator reported that he has heard that Mrs. Bowen is about to deed her property over to her children. The Commission feels that it should act on this if they are interested in the property and its preservation. Bob Young said he would pursue this issue.

STONEYMEADE DEVELOPMENT

The Conservation Commission discussed the question of the Town or the developer putting in a sidewalk along the frontage of the Stoneymeade property, and the impact it would have on the wetlands.

BUDGET

The Administrator showed the Commission the projected budget for fiscal year 1990. The budget, as he presented it, will not quite cover the Administrator's salary and will not cover any operating expenses. The Commission would like to meet with the Finance Director and Town Manager. The Administrator said he would work on that, by developing a "bare bones budget" for their review.

MINUTES

Ms. Place signed approved minutes for October 18, and November 1.

9:48

Meeting Adjourned.



Carol Place, Chair

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