



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 1983

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman, Saskia Huisng; members Brewster Conant, Dana Sawyer, Judy Clark, Mary Donovan.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Cynthia Torkelsen.

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Lipton, Conservation Assistant; Steven Steinberg of Acton Condo; Bela Nagy of 8 Olde Barn Way; Richard Sisson of Bulette Road.

ITEM 1: The Commission reviewed the letters enclosed in the packets.

ITEM 2: Lot G, Bulette Road

Mr. Sisson said that he had purchased 3 lots and wanted to sell lot G. Before he could sell the lot, he needed a Certificate of Compliance. He added that Beth McCurdy had inspected the drainage trench and that it was in place.

The assistant said that she reviewed the plan when a building permit application was circulated. At that time she checked the original plan and Order and found that the original plan showed the location of the inverts at the ditch which were the same as the new proposal. The new proposal added an interceptor trench. Because the proposed plan was more detailed and contained an interceptor trench, the assistant felt that she could not check off on the building permit until the Commission reviewed it as a Determination.

On the motion of Saskia Huisng, seconded by Dana Sawyer it was unanimously voted to extend the Order of Condition to January 10, 1984 and granted a Certificate of Compliance for the drainage ditch only on Lot G, Bulette Road.

ITEM 3: Public Hearing, Lot 8, Olde Barn Way

Mr. Nagy said that he plans to pass papers on Lot 8 on Monday. He said that he has received approval from the Board of Health and can obtain a permit. Mary Donovan said that she reviewed the plans and that her main concern is what happens within 100' of a wetland and that is the driveway, bridge and waterline that crosses the brook. She added that if a culvert were put in, a trench must be created for the culvert. She added that it was not clear from the letter submitted by Mark Donohoe what was permanent and what was temporary. Additionally there is little information provided on what the bridge will look like. She added that we received a letter from Donohoe, a plan and Notice of Intention. She said that the temporary and permanent plans are not detailed enough to show the Commission what is being planned. Mary Donovan said that the Engineer has not provided any figures showing what size drainage culvert would be required. Mr. Nagy said that the proposed culvert is bigger than the one crossing Freedom Farme Road, just downstream of subject proposal. She said that that situation is different, the slope is flatter, meaning that you need a greater area to pass the same amount of water and that the culvert should be designed for flood situations. Mr. Nagy did not agree. She then said that it is up to the Engineer to clarify this. Judy Clark said that the Commission would have to address both alternatives, (the proposed bridge vs. culvert.) Mary Donovan again noted that the Commission needs something to evaluate. Some of the items lacking included a construction sequence and delineation of disturbance. Mr Nagy said that the stream would not have to be dried up and that one side of the bridge would be placed on an existing foundation that is already in. 8" diameter son-o-tube footings would be placed below the frostline and filled with concrete.

Mr Nagy then said that he has spent \$1,600 worth of engineering and that he is still not getting what the Commission wants. He added that he has been to the Conservation office and Engineering Department and has passed this information to Perkins. Still he said, he does not have what the Commission wants. It was noted that perhaps the Engineer should come in and speak with staff directly. Judy Clark suggested that the Commission close the hearing with the information submitted or continue the hearing.

Mr. Nagy then asked what additional information needs to be supplied. The Commission answered that a sketch from the engineer showing how the footings would go in, erosion devices, excavation areas, standard elevations, typical section and how water line would cross stream. It was noted that the Engineering Dept. had not yet approved the building permit since they also required more information on the proposed brook crossing.

It was then decided that a letter should be sent indicating what information should be provided. On the motion of Saskia Huising, seconded by Mary Donovan, it was unanimously voted to continue the Public Hearing to 19, January 1983.

ITEM 4: Acton Condo Bond

A principal of Acton Condo, Steven Steinberg said that he would like the Commission to accept a letter of Credit from Baybank instead of the \$5,000 cash which is currently being held by the Town Treasurer. The Commission said that they would probably require the Bond for a minimum of 5 years although the time period must be discussed in more detail. Steve Steinberg said that he would have to check with the Bank to see if he could in fact get a personal bond for a period of more than one year and that he would contact the Commission once this information was obtained.

ITEM 5: Heather Hill Subdivision (85-86)

On the motion of Dana Sawyer, seconded by Brewster Conant it was unanimously voted that no Notice of Intent is required for Lot 2, Heather Hill subdivision.

On the motion of Dana Sawyer, seconded by Saskia Huisng it was unanimously voted to extend the Order of Conditions to January 7, 1984.

ITEM 6: Shaker Meadows Corporation (85-27)

The assistant said that she received a request for an extension from Shaker Meadow Corporation for an Extension Permit. She added that in reviewing the files she found that D.E.Q.E. issued a superceding Order and that the requested should be directed to them.

ITEM 7: Budget as approved by Town Manager, Nancy Banks

Nancy Banks said that she supported the Commission in increasing the Conservation Assistant's hours from 30 to 40 hours per week. She said that currently there is not enough staff available to handle the work placed on the development staff and that she would like to use the assistant for this purpose. She added that things often come up that are Conservation related, like the rifle range at N.C.C. and the oil spill at W.R. Grace.

She said that the assistant is already working more hours than she is scheduled for. Additionally Nancy Banks asked for a re-classification of the position. Currently it is classified in the secretarial schedule and it should be in a technical schedule. She added that all of the prospective assistants interviewed had a technical background. She said that the current classification is an inequity and that the salary range would be slightly higher.

Nancy Banks then said the she cut consulting from the budget because the Selectmen have a fund for consulting services which the Commission can use

On the motion of Saskia Huisng, seconded by Mary Donovan, it was unanimously voted to support Nancy Banks in the re-classification attempt.

ITEM 8: 42 Horseshoe Drive, Order of Condition

The proposed Condition was read to the Commission. In addition to the standard boiler plate condition. It was proposed to add:

No work will begin without obtaining the necessary permits from the Health Department.

On the motion of Judy Clark, seconded by Dana Sawyer, the Order of Conditions was unanimously approved as amended.

ITEM 9: Conservation Land, Bulette Road - Plan showing proposed repair to culvert

On the motion of Brewster Conant, seconded by Dana Sawyer it was unanimously voted to authorize the emergency repair to said culvert in accordance with the engineering plan.

ITEM 10: Extention Permit - Fairway Heights (85-41)

On the motion of Dana Sawyer, seconded by Saskia Huisng, it was unanimously voted to issue an extension permit for Lots 24A, 25A and 26A until June 25, 1983.

ITEM 11: The following expenditures were approved by the Commission

Acton Supply	\$77.72
Beacon Minuteman Corp.	7.20
Julie Lipton	5.20

ITEM 12: Nagog Knoll Realty Trust (85-111)

This Notice of Intention was assigned to Mary Donovan for review.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Torkelsen,  
Vice Chairman

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