

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
FEBRUARY 20, 1991



MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Sheehan, Ann Shubert, John Chalmers, Charlotte Timlege

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Tom Faber, Dennis Ahern, Moe Caron

BUSINESS

7:35 **ARBORETUM USE** - Trustees of Library - Dennis Ahern

Mr. Ahern, a Trustee of the Acton Memorial Library, would like permission to use the Arboretum for a "Living Historic Encampment" on April 13 and April 14, the 140th anniversary of the formation of the Davis Guards. There would be approximately 24 members of the Fifth New Hampshire Regiment re-enacting a civil war encampment.

Mr. Tidman suggested that the members of the Davis Guard plant a commemorative tree at the Arboretum. Mr. Ahern agreed that it was a good idea, and would look into the idea.

Mr. Chalmers moved to allow the Davis Guard to have a historic encampment at the Arboretum. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7:58 **REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION** - Lake Nagog - Concord Water Dept.

Mr. Sheehan opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaw for the process of implementing a watershed management program for Lake Nagog.

Mr. Moe Caron, of the Concord Water Department, stated that they wish to "thin" brush from around Lake Nagog 30' out from the edge of water to prevent organic matter from entering the pond. Mr. Caron also stated that they plan on hiring a consultant on this matter in the summer, in hopes of developing a management plan.

Upon query by the Commission, Mr. Caron stated that there are conflicting opinions on the effectiveness of clearing brush, as he is doing, around a water supply.

The Administrator informed the Commission that the Town of Concord has cleared a lot of brush already in Acton and Littleton, and the vegetation includes high-bush blueberries, elderberry, honeysuckle, winterberry, and alder which are all valuable wildlife habitat. This area being cleared is the buffer area between forest and edge of water.

8:20

Hearing no further information, Mr. Sheehan closed the meeting.

Ms. Shubert moved to find the work within the Commission's jurisdiction, and will have an impact on the wetland, which will require a full Notice of Intent to be filed. A fully approved Management Plan must be submitted with the Notice of Intent, upon the Conservation Commission's requirement.

Ms. Timlege seconded the motion. The motion passed 3:1; three aye and one abstained.

8:28

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - Grassy Pond Conservation Area

Mr. Sheehan opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaws for the replacement of three bridge sections along the trail at Grassy Pond Conservation Area.

The Administrator reported that he has an Eagle Scout candidate that wishes to perform the above project this spring, if approved by the Commission. Along the trail at Grassy Pond there are three small bridge sections over streams that need to be replaced. In total length, the three bridge sections will be 60 to 80 feet. The Eagle Scout will remove the old rotted wood sections, and replace them. He will also place two woodduck houses in this conservation area, as this is the proper habitat for them. The bridges will be four feet wide in the center, and six feet wide at the ends.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Sheehan closed the meeting.

Mr. Chalmers moved to find the work to be within the Commission's jurisdiction, and will not impact the wetlands. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Chalmers moved to accept the minutes as amended for October 17, November 21, December 12, 1990, and January 2, 1991. Ms. Timlege seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

WINTER WALK - ARBORETUM

The Administrator reminded the Commission that there will be a walk at the Arboretum on February 24, at 1:00 P.M..

DUSTON LANE - Lot Line Change

The Administrator reported that a resident on Duston Lane has swapped land with a neighbor, and according to the deed the Commission has to sign an agreement with any lot line change on Duston Lane. The original owner of the land, Mr. Duston, made this requirement in the deed when he sold the land so as not to have any further development. The number of houses on this street are the maximum permitted. The Administrator reported that this is only a lot line change between Lot 2 and Lot 3 to give one of the owners more privacy, and not a subdivision of a lot.

Mr. Chalmers moved to approve the lot line change on Duston Lane. Ms. Timlege seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EAGLE SCOUT - Rob Duncan

The Administrator reported that Rob Duncan's Court of Honor is on March 2, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. at St. Elizabeth's Church, and the Commission needs a representative to attend.

Ms. Timlege stated that she will attend.

EAGLE SCOUT - Carlos Cummings

Also, Carlos Cummings is having his Court of Honor on March 20, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Matthews Church, and a representative needs to attend.

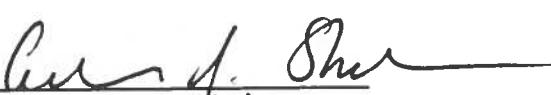
Ms. Shubert stated that she will attend.

OVERRIDE - 1991 Town Meeting

Mr. Sheehan reported that he has been contacted by Cindy Wehr, and she is requesting that the Conservation Commission, if in agreement, have a vote in support of the Override. If the Commission does endorse the override, she would like the Conservation Commission's endorsement of a letter to appear in the Beacon.

Mr. Chalmers moved to have the Conservation Commission endorse the Override. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

9:05 Meeting Adjourned.



Andrew Sheehan, Chairman