

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
MARCH 21, 1990



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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Sandra Mika, Charlotte Timlege

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Cynthia Shaler, Cindy Sorensen, Bruce Stamski, George LeMasurier
Dick Cotter, Sandy Bayne, Harry Donahue

8:01 Mr. Sheehan called the meeting to order.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Administrator reported and distributed information on wetlands workshops sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and suggested that Commissioners and/or associate members should try to attend.

EAGLE SCOUT

The Administrator reported that Eric Duhamel is having his Court of Honor Ceremony, and wishes to have a Commissioner attend the ceremony on Saturday March 24. Ms. Resor stated that she would attend.

ARBORETUM FOLLOW-UP

The Administrator reported on the progress at the Arboretum. In the fall of 1989, a Request for Determination was filed for, and approved by the Commission for the Main Street sidewalk entrance to the Arboretum. The work is complete, and the slopes of the sidewalk are stabilizing nicely, and going on with the planting scheme.

8:30 **CONTINUATION - NOTICE OF INTENT**

Mr. Sheehan continued the Notice of Intent hearing filed for 360 Great Road under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Acton Bylaws for construction of a commercial building, parking lot, and drainage within 100' of a wetland.

Mr. LeMasurier stated that a letter had been sent to the Administrator stating the changes to the plans. {Attached to these minutes}. The septic system has been approved by the Board of Health.

Upon query from Mr. Chalmers, Mr. LeMasurier stated that the proposed retaining wall footing will be a distance of 3 1/2 feet from the edge of wetland at the closest point. Mr. Chalmers questioned the wall footings to withstand freezing.

9:06 Hearing no further comments, Mr. Sheehan closed the hearing.

9:07 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - Acton Arboretum - Taylor Road
D-90-2

Mr. Sheehan opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaws for the construction of an additional parking area within 100' of a wetland.

Sandy Bayne, Chairman of the Acton Arboretum Committee, stated that the Arboretum Committee proposes to grade and construct an additional 19 space gravel parking lot adjacent to the existing eight parking spaces. The work proposed will be within 100' of a drainage ditch which enters a wetland. They also propose to clear out the scrub growth on the ditch embankments at the culvert headwalls. One corner of the proposed parking lot will be 23' from the edge of wetland at its' closest point. There are haybales proposed to protect the ditch from erosion during construction.

9:40 Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Sheehan closed the meeting.

The Commission discussed the project.

Mr. Chalmers moved to find the work within the Commission's jurisdiction but will not impact the wetland, with the condition that the corner of the parking lot closest to the drainage ditch/wetland be pulled back two feet, in order to be consistent with the 25' natural buffer required by the Commission.

Ms. Resor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXTENSION PERMIT - Bellows Farms 85-196

The Administrator reported that Green Company, Inc., now in charge of the Bellows Farms project, "The Arbors", is requesting a one year extension to a finish the project.

Ms. Resor moved to grant a one year extension for the Bellows Farms project, DEQE File # 85-196. Mr. Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission will hold their next meeting on April 11, due to Annual Town Meeting being the first week of April.

10:15 Meeting Adjourned.

