

Four Clays
TOWN OF ACTON

90 AUG -3 AM 10:39 CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
APRIL 18, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Sheehan, Ken Dow, Bob Young, John Chalmers

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Stephen and Linda Blakeney, Frank Melon

8:03 Mr. Sheehan called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

The Administrator reported that MACC has indicated that Mr. John DeVillars of Environmental Affairs needs support from local Conservation Commissions on the "No net loss of wetlands" policy. MACC has requested all commissions that agree the policy to send a letter in support of this policy.

Mr. Young moved to send a letter to Mr. DeVillars in support of this policy. Mr. Dow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:30 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - 170 School Street D-90-3

Mr. Sheehan opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Acton Bylaws for the backyard landscaping within the 100' of wetlands buffer.

Ms. Blakeney, owner of 170 School Street, stated that there is two areas in the back yard she proposes to work on. There is a stone wall at the back of the property adjacent to one of the areas of work. This stone wall marks the wetland, and she proposes to bring 3-10" of topsoil to this area and seed with grass, this work will be 10' away from the wetland (wall). The other area she wishes to work on is on the opposite side of the yard. This area has a man-made trench (french drain), with no wetland plant species present, which she proposes to lay pipe in, and cover over with topsoil and seed with grass. The also propose to clear some trees out of this second area of work. With the Commission's permission, work would start as soon as possible.

8:39 Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Sheehan closed the meeting.

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Mr. Dow moved to find the work as presented to be within the Commission's jurisdiction, and will not impact the wetland. Mr. Chalmers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:42 The Commission discussed correspondence, and MACC workshops.

9:00 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - 23 Newtown Road D-90-4

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 a bulkhead, and home improvements within 100' wetlands buffer.

Mr. Frank Melon, representing Wilson Bursaw, stated that the house is within 100' of a wetland, and he is simply moving the bulkhead. All other work will be inside the house.

Mr. Chalmers moved to find the work within the Commission's jurisdiction, but will not impact the wetlands. Mr. Dow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9:03 Meeting Adjourned



Andrew Sheehan, Chair