



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 236

ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01720

MINUTES

MARCH 10, 1983

7:30 P.M. D.P.W. BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cynthia E. Torkelsen, Chairman; members Brewster Conant, Thomas Taylor, Judith Clark, Mary Donovan.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dana Sawyer and Michael Graesser

ITEM 1: Conservation Pamphlets

The Commission asked the assistant to find out how much it would cost for the reduction and printing of pamphlets in multiples of 100 using the photographic method.

ITEM 2: Public Hearing - Parlin Park III Subdivision

Cynthia Torkelsen stated that the Public Hearing was being held under Mass. General Law 131, Section 40 and the Acton Town Bylaw. Mark Donohoe, of Charles A. Perkins Co., said that the Cluster Development proposed, was the most appropriate use of the land. He said that he will make changes at the request of Engineering, Planning and abutting property owner. Other changes will be in the drainage calculations and possibly the system, increase in the size of the ditch, the size of the cul-de-sac and a buffer strip. Mr. Donohoe asked for continuation of the public hearing. The road system was chosen because of the sub-surface disposal system. The wetland was located in the field. Because of the drainage ditch there were some wetland species. The area drains into wetland area. There would be less than a 5% increase in run-off generated by the proposal, and a very minor increase into Grassy Pond.

The Commission asked what the scope of the changes would be. Mr. Donohoe said the changes are minor.

The Commission raised concern over the amount of fill being placed in the wetland. Mr. Donohoe said that the Planning Board wanted the road located as shown on the plan to reduce the length of the street. He said the proposal minimizes the number of houses on the street and preserves a unique tree.

The Commission told Mr. Donohoe that he should apply to the Army Corp. for a permit. An abutter said that he was concerned with the drainage from his property flowing into another persons property. Mr. Donohoe said that a subdrain is being proposed, and that his property is pre-existing.

Mr. Donohoe said that he will have revised plans to the Commission on March 16, 1983. On the motion of Judy Clark, second by Mary Donovan, the Public Hearing was continued to April 6, 1983 at 8:30 p.m.

ITEM 3: Town Report 1982

The Commission reviewed the proposed Town Report and amended it.

ITEM 4: Minutes - November 17, 1982

The Commission reviewed the minutes and asked the assistant to revise them.

ITEM 5: Land and Water Conservation Fund Program


The Commission decided that the above program does not apply to any improvements on Conservation Land under consideration by the Commission.

ITEM 6: Heather Hill Subdivision, Lot 3, Sandy Drive - Ernest DeVincent  
Request for Determination of Applicability

On the motion of Brewster Conant, seconded by Thomas Taylor, it was unanimously voted that the proposal is not significant to the interests of the Wetland Protection Act.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia E. Torkelsen,  
Chairman