



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 236

ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01720

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 1983

D.P.W. BUILDING 8:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Michael Graesser, Thomas Taylor, Judy Clark and Brewster Conant. Julie Lipton, Conservation Assistant was also present.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Cynthia E. Torkelsen, Dana Sawyer and Mary Donovan.

ITEM 1: Proposed Acton Trust Grant

The Commission reviewed the grant. Michael Graesser noted that next year the Commission will have limited funds for printing of maps. Judy Clark said that the Commission may have to request additional funds next year from the Trust for the printing of additional trail maps.

On the motion of Brewster Conant, seconded by Judy Clark, it was unanimously voted to expend \$240.00 from the printing account to pay for the printing of four pamphlets.

ITEM 2: Hiring of Dennis Ring, Engineering aid for two weeks in April

The assistant said that Engineering hired Mr. Ring during his winter school vacation as an Engineering aid. During this period he drafted the four maps for the Commission. The Engineering Department normally hires Mr. Ring in the spring but this year they do not have the money in their budget to do so. Since the Commission has \$450.74 dollars of additional funds in its salary budget, the assistant suggested that this money be used to hire Mr. Ring to finish drafting two additional trail maps and to also work on a land acquisition map which will integrate the groundwater study.

On the motion of Judy Clark, seconded by Brewster Conant, the Commission unanimously voted to pay Dennis Ring up to \$450.74 to work for the Commission, if approved by the Town Manager.

ITEM 3: Kevin Sweeney's request to reclaim pond in Parcel A on Parker Road

Mr. Sweeney said that to develop Tenney Circle Subdivision into 5 Lots he needs 5,500 yards of fill material. He said that the pond is about 1 acre and there is about 2 acres around the pond. He said that the rest of the area around the pond could be used for garden plots and the pond could be deepened to get rid of weeds and support fish. Mr. Sweeney said that the last person who tried to develop the land went into bankruptcy. Mr. Sweeney said that it costs about \$30,000 per lot to develop lots into developable stage. He added that parcel A was impacted by the Silver Hill Development which caused siltation into the pond. Ms. Lipton said that nitrogen and phosphorous from lawns above the pond could also be the cause of the weed growth. It was noted that the outlet of the pond drains in the direction of the Averett Land. Mr. Sweeney said that he would remove 12 to 13 thousand yards of material from the pond and all fill would be placed immediately. An excavator would be put in pond, fill would be removed and the pond would be graded and stocked with fish. Mr. Sweeney asked the Commission if it is worth it to go ahead with the proposal. The Commission said that Commission Members and the assistant would look at the situation and get back to him. Mr. Sweeney stated that he would donate parcel A to the Conservation Commission upon completion of the work, if so desired.

ITEM 4: Transfer Station

The Commission reviewed the comments submitted by Mary Donovan. On the motion of Brewster Conant, seconded by Michael Graesser it was unanimously voted that no Notice of Intent is required.

ITEM 5: Bursaw Oil

The assistant reported that, as requested, she inspected the site and that the brook was not being diverted by snow piling and that there were not other wetland violations.

ITEM 6: 20 Summer Street - Determination

A proposed house and septic system were delineated on the submitted plan within 100' of an unnumbered floodplain zone. The plan showed proposed haybales at the end of the Drive and left a buffer zone of undisturbed vegetation between the area of construction and the floodplain. On the motion of Brewster Conant, seconded by Judy Clark it was unanimously voted that a Notice of Intent is not required because the proposed work is not significant to the act.

ITEM 7: Finances

The Commission approved the payment to:


Xerox	\$100.00
Printing Unlimited	\$35.00

ITEM 8: Procedure Manual

The Commission made a list of items to be covered in the manual, and asked Ms. Lipton to write it.

ADJOURNED: 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia E. Torkelsen,
Chairman

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