



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 15, 1983 D.P.W. BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman, Cynthia Torkelsen; members, Brewster Conant, Michael Graesser.

ALSO PRESENT: Doug Halley, Temporary Conservation Assistant; Rae Kilkenny, Associate Member; Richard Sisson; Kevin Sweeney; Lynne Remington, Wetland Consultant; Bonnie Geithner, Edgar Geithner, and Dieter Geithner; Anne-Marie Beauregard; Nancy Haugsjaa; Andrea Miller; Louis Beauregard; Jane Hess and Wendell Hess; Frances Bean, Sandra Bean, and F.E. Bean; C.R. Harring; Nancy Banks, Town Manager; Mike Medieros, Conservation Assistant Applicant.

ITEM #1: Nagog Community Development (85-30) - (Nonset Path)

Mr. Sisson said he was buying this property from Don O'Grady. His attorney thought it was unacceptable to purchase with only a sixty day extension on the Order of Conditions. The Commission said they could possibly give an extension to October 31 but without a quorum they could not act on it tonight.

ITEM #2: Lot 6 Heather Hill Road - Determination

Ms. Remington, a Wetland Consultant from Coburn Engineering Inc., represented Mr. Sweeney the applicant. She submitted a narrative in which she described the work involved and the measures to be taken to alleviate any disturbance to the wetlands. The Commission told the applicant they could not act on the Determination until they had a quorum.

ITEM #3: Acton Center Park

Abutters to the Conservation land were present to discuss future work to be done on this property. The assistant Mr. Halley detailed the proposed work which included the marking and re-routing of trails, spraying of poison ivy, changing and improving conservation land markers, providing parking, and the restoration of the apple orchards. Residents gave poison ivy spraying high priority. Opinions were split on the improvement of the apple orchards; (to lease land to private source, to arrange for a vocational school to work the orchard, to clear only portions of the orchard, to mow only trails through the orchard, or to do nothing.) Some residents expressed interest in a gravel parking lot off of Taylor Road and a cleared field for passive recreation. One concern was that the drainage ditch by Taylor Road is not functioning properly.

ITEM #4: Interview of Applicant

Ms. Banks and the Commission interviewed Michael Medieros for the assistant to the Conservation Commission position.

ITEM #5: Briarbrook North

Ms. Banks briefly explained the Selectmen's position on the purchase of this property, why it would be dedicated to Conservation and what values were hoped to be preserved. The Commission questioned the ability to receive self help funds and asked for more information on the approvals of other Boards and Commissions.

ITEM #6: Review of Submittals

Mr. Graesser agreed to review the Notice of Intent for 126 Newtown Road and the Mishrob Trust Site Plan #83-233.

ITEM #7: 162 School Street

Mr. Halley told the Commission he responded to a complaint of work in the wetlands at 162 School Street. He went to the site along with Matt Mulvey the Building Inspector and spoke with the owner Mr. Osornio asking him to stop the work that was in progress and to file a Notice of Intent with the Commission. Mr. Mulvey also told him to file with the Board of Appeals for work within the flood plain.

ITEM #8: State Prison Restoration

Mr. Halley reported that Mr. Calichman, the Health Director, had inspected the site and felt that the substance that was present was a form of iron bacteria which is normally present. Mr. Calichman did say that he would have someone from the state look at it too.

ITEM #9: Carlisle Road - Illegal Foresting

A letter from Mr. Pernaa the Middlesex County Forester was read which required Mr. Comeau to submit a cutting plan and to rectify the damage done.

ITEM #10 Woodchuck Shooting - Waiver Requirement

Charles Gervin wishes to shoot woodchucks on North Acton Community Gardens. Mr. Halley was asked to look into previous ways this had been handled.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Graener for C.E.T.

Cynthia E. Torkelsen,
Chairman

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