



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 18, 1983 D.P.W. BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Cynthia Torkelsen, Members Brewster Conant, Michael Graesser, Thomas Taylor.

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Lipton, Conservation Asst., Lawrence Nichols, Richard Prince, Herrick Spicer, Dean Charter, David Abbt, John MacLeod and Leon Thompson, Rae Kilkenny, Assoc. Member.

ITEM #1: Powder Mill Plaza (85-68)

The Commission discussed the proposed changes outlined in the letter of May 3, 1983 from Herrick Spicer.

ITEM #2 Acton Environmental Program Phase Three

This item was assigned to Thomas Taylor for review.

ITEM #3 5 Torrington Lane - Determination of Applicability

On the motion of Brewster Conant, seconded by Cynthia Torkelsen, it was voted that the proposed work is within the wetland buffer zone, but that the work is not significant. All in favor: Brewster Conant, Cynthia Torkelsen, Thomas Taylor. Abstention: Michael Graesser.

ITEM #5 Proposed Swimming Pond

Dean Charter said that the proposal involves a 30 acre parcel of land in the northerly section of Town. The proposal is to excavate approximately four acres of land to make a small pond. There would be a small connection with Butter Brook to keep the pond infiltrated

with flowing water. Land and water conservation funds are available. According to Mr. Charter, Joel Lerner said that a swimming area is needed to take the pressure off of Walden Pond. He suggested that the Conservation Commission obtain the land and let the Recreation Department manage it. John MacLeod said that the area is zoned for industry and if acquired the land would be protected. The area is mapped as a well protection area. Mr. MacLeod said that he plans to have a meeting with Goldberg, Zino and Associates to determine the impact of the proposed swimming area on the wells.

ITEM #5: Public Hearing - Lot 366 Washington Drive (85-119)

Cynthia Torkelsen stated that the public hearing was being held under Mass. Gen. Law Chap. 131, section 40 and the Acton Wetland Bylaw. Mr. Stamski said that all construction would be outside of the wetland area, but in the buffer zone.

The proposed slope would be covered with bark mulch and woodchips. Mr. Nichols said that he has used wood chips on another property and it held up well.

Since there were no further questions or comments, the hearing was closed.

ITEM #6: Spraying of Herbicides Along Railroad Tracks

On the motion of Michael Graesser, seconded by Tom Taylor, it was unanimously voted to require the Railroad R.O.W. to file a Determination of Applicability before spraying along the railroad.

Thomas Taylor said he would write a letter to the Railroad Association concerning this matter.

ITEM #7: Parlin Park Subdivision

The Commission discussed the proposed order.

On the motion of Cynthia Torkelsen, seconded by Thomas Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the order as amended.

ITEM #8 Capizzi Nursery - Filling of a Wetland

On the motion of Cynthia Torkelsen, seconded by Michael Grasesser. It was unanimously voted to ratify the enforcement order issued to Capizzi Nursery.

ITEM #9 Lot #7 and Lot #8 Knowlton Drive

On the motion of Michael Graesser, seconded by Brewster Conant, it was unanimously voted to approve the Order of Conditions as written.

ITEM #10: Revision of Boiler-Plate - Order of Conditions

On the motion of Thomas Taylor, seconded by Cynthia Torkelsen, it was unanimously voted to amend condition 4 to read "This order may be extended by the issuing authority for one or more additional one-year periods or portions thereof, or as regulated under M.G.L. Chap.131 s.40 and the Acton Wetland Bylaw."

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard H. Graeme for C.E.T.
Cynthia E. Torkelsen,
Chairman

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