

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
APRIL 17, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Sheehan, Ann Shubert, John Chalmers, Charlotte Timlege

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Jane & Steve Olesin, Jeff Langan



7:44 Mr. Sheehan called the meeting to order.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS - No concerns were brought forward.

BUSINESS

Extension Permit - Ayer Road 85-162

The Administrator reported that he has received a request for extension for Ayer Road. He informed the Commission that this is for the roadway itself, as the applicable house lots have separate Orders of Conditions.

Mr. Chalmers moved to grant a one year extension for DEQE File 85-162, Ayer Road. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREE DONATION

The Administrator informed the Commission that Dean Charter is donating a Norway Spruce that is 15+ feet in height to the Arboretum. This tree will be used in the tree transplanting demonstration at the Arboretum Work Day on May 19, 1991.

8:00 **NOTICE OF INTENT - Stoneymeade Wetland Replication 75-234/85-303**

Mr. Sheehan opened the hearing under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaw for the replication of wetlands, compensating the filled wetlands for the entrance roadway into the development.

Ian Ruban, Lancewood Engineering, presented plans replacing 4,670 s.f. of filled wetlands, which was required by the Commission when the roadway entrance was built. The proposal is to remove the existing gravel cartpath from Pope Road into the north end of the development at Lot 3 which intersects the wetland along Pope Road. There is a 6" culvert under the cartpath that has maintained the downstream flow of the stream. This area is adjacent to, and hydrologically connected to, the filled wetlands. After the cartpath is removed, they will place a high quality loam (wetland loam if possible), plant canary reed grass, and 40 - 50 blueberry bushes. The excavated material from the cartpath will be used

within the subdivision. They propose to use an excavator and reach in off of Pope Road. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks.

8:20

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Sheehan closed the hearing.

The Commission discussed concerns regarding this project.

Mr. Chalmers moved to issue an Order of Conditions for the Notice of Intent as presented with the following special conditions:

1. All excavated material from the cartpath may not be stockpiled within 100' of the wetlands / replication area.
2. The applicant will be responsible for the replacement of any shrubs planted that did not survive one year of growth;
3. The Conservation Administrator will be notified prior to start of excavation, in order to review native shrubs to be saved;
4. A series of photographs will be submitted to the Commission chronologically illustrating the conditions prior, during, and after removal of the cartpath, and construction of the replication area.

Ms. Timlege seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

- The Administrator reported that the Grassy Pond parking lot is complete.

- The Arboretum will be in receipt of a donated cedar fence donated by the Gutierrez Company of Burlington, Massachusetts. the fence is located in Boxborough and is part an old farm.

9:00

Meeting Adjourned.



Andrew Sheehan, Chairman