

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER 17, 1990



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

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Bruce Stamski, Kay Telin, Colin Maslen, Charles L. Calef, Elinor Calef, Ernest Irmiger, Ria Irmiger

7:40 Mr. Sheehan called the meeting to order

REVIEW - North Acton Recreation Area - Bruce Stamski

Mr. Stamski stated to the Commission that on August 14, 1987 Town Meeting voted to grant \$ 15,000 to conduct a geohydrologic study for the proposed North Acton Recreation Area. This parcel is 40 acres in size and is adjacent to the Town Forest and Wills Hole Conservation Area.

Pine and Swallow has conducted the geohydrological study and found adequate ground water supply to support a pond. The proposed pond would have a water surface area of 7 1/2 acres at the low water season, and 9 1/2 acres of water surface area during the spring high water. Most of the groundwater recharge area for the pond is town owned land. The recharge rate of the pond would be approximately four or five times per year, because the groundwater flow is so great in this area. The existing small pond on site is proposed to be enlarged to create the new pond. His remnant of a prior gravel operation. The existing small pond is a remnant of a prior gravel operation.

Mr. Stamski stated that the parking facility will meet all drainage requirements mandated by the Town. The septic system will be pumped 200' away the pond. There is an existing wetland north of the pond that will be tied in with a proposed bridge over the connection between the pond and wetland. They propose to create a swale on the west side of the pond that will be planted with wetland species that will absorb nutrients from storm runoff before entering the pond.

Mr. Stamski reported that the proposed North Acton Woods Development is a great concern regarding water quality, if they modify the original special permit by phasing in a septic system first instead of constructing a treatment plant.

The Administrator suggested that the engineer further investigate, through the Department of Environmental Protection, the excavating a small pond to a big pond.

8:47 The Commission thanked Mr. Stamski for the update on the proposed North Acton Recreation Area.

HUNTING

The Administrator reported that 'No Hunting' signs need to be put up at Nashoba Brook Conservation Area, at Davis Road, Harris Street, and Wheeler Lane. He has noted evidence of hunters using the area.

8:50 **DISCUSSION - STATE SUPERSEDING ORDER OF CONDITIONS -** 360 Great Road
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The Administrator reported to the Commission that they should have received in their packets the decision by the D.E.P., which overruled the Town's decision.

The Commission stated that they should appeal to D.E.P.'s decision.

The Administrator reported that the Planning Board has also denied the proposal under the concerns of groundwater protection.

Abutters from Brook Run Condominiums were present and stated that this news from D.E.P. is very disappointing. Their concern was primarily aesthetic, although there was concern for their water well.

9:17 Mr. Chalmers moved into Executive Session to discuss land aquisition. Ms. Resor seconded the motion. Andrew Sheehan - aye, Ann Shubert - aye; Charlotte Timlege - aye; John Chalmers - aye; Peter Shanahan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

9:40 Commision returned from executive session.

Ms. Resor asked the Conservation Commission to review the impact of the new proposed zoning that is coming before Town Meeting in November. Ms. Resor also requested that she receive any comments in writing as soon as possible.

9:47 Meeting adjourned.



Andrew Sheehan, Chairman