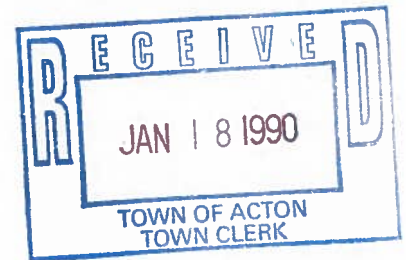


CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
NOVEMBER 15, 1989



MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Dow, Andrew Sheehan, Carol Place, Pam Resor, Ann Shubert, John Chalmers

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Dean Charter, Mark Gallagher, Harry Donahue, Julie & Larry Eacott, R.A. Hatfield

8:07 The meeting was called to order.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

There were no concerns presented.

STONEYMEADE DEVELOPMENT

Mark Gallagher of Stoneymeade Development stated that he is asking for the Commission's support for the development of a recreation area on the common land, instead of the construction of a sidewalk along Pope Road. Mr. Gallagher proposed that the \$50,000 set aside for a sidewalk be used for this recreation area, the remainder to be used to refurbish recreation equipment around town.

Mr. Dean Charter, Director of Municipal Properties, stated that there is a high need for fields that can be used for soccer and this area could be utilized as one. It would be possible to construct a field and a 30 car gravel parking lot. The common land parcel is 45 acres, and approximately 5.5 acres would be active recreation with this proposal. The area would not be visible from Strawberry Hill Road or Pope Road.

8:29 Mr. Gallagher stated that Pope Road is a Scenic Road, and if he were to build a sidewalk along Pope Road, it would be an impact to a large amount of wetlands and require removal of trees. Mr. Gallagher asked the Conservation Commission to support this proposal.

The Conservation Commission agreed to discuss the matter.

8:30 NOTICE OF INTENT - Haartz Auto Fabric Hayward Road 75-212

Ms. Place opened the hearing under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaws for the construction of a paved emergency access lane from Hayward Road.

Harry Donahue, Acton Survey & Engineering presented plans for a paved emergency fire lane, which has been strongly suggested by the Fire Department. They propose to cross the wetland finger at its narrowest point without removing many trees in the wooded area. This proposed 18' wide paved fire lane will not be a general but it will have a gate with the police/fire lock box. The drive will be constructed with 2:1 sloped shoulders. The hydrological connection will be maintained under the drive with two 6" pipes. The total amount of wetlands filling will be 1400 square feet. The drive will be plowed and the use of salt and sand is not proposed.

Ann Shubert who reviewed the site stated that she feels that this point of access proposed is the most suitable.

Dean Charter, 81 Charter Road, stated as an abutter he likes to see all safety precautions utilized.

8:52 Hearing no further comment or question, Ms. Place closed the hearing.

Mr. Sheehan moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with two additional conditions: 1.) There is to be no salt used on this driveway; 2.) This driveway will be used as emergency access only, and is to remain gated and locked.

Ms. Resor seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5:1. John Chalmers abstained because he was not present for the entire hearing.

MINUTES

The Commission approved and signed minutes for September 20, and October 4.

9:00 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - Great Road - Boston Gas D-89-22

Ms. Place opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaws.

Mr. Tom Joyce, Boston Gas, presented plans for the placement of 4" plastic gas pipes laid within the roadway itself at Great Road and Nonset Path. The state permit has been issued for this project.

Mr. Joyce stated that a contractor has been hired by Nagog Woods to come in and hook up an additional 150' of pipe to tie into the 4" main for better service, which is not a part of this filing.

Mr. Jim Shope, Manager of Nagog Woods, stated that the activity will only be in the buffer zone. All excavated materials will be placed on the roadside with erosion control devices, and will be replaced the same day it is excavated. The whole project should be completed in a week or less.

The Commission asked if Mr. Jim Cho??? of Nagog Woods would amend the plans and initial them indicating the other 150' of pipe work in order to keep this project as one filing instead of two. Mr. Jim Shope agreed and amended the plans.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Ms. Place closed the meeting.

Mr. Dow moved to find the work as proposed to be within the Commission's jurisdiction, and find that it will not have an impact on the wetlands. Mr. Chalmers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SAAB Dealership - Route 27

Mr. Chalmers reported that he has some concerns regarding the SAAB Dealer on Route 27. They have a storage trailer on the site that is wired with electricity, which was not a part of the Notice of Intent, and there is an accumulation of car parts in the back of the building within the buffer zone.

The Conservation Commission asked staff to write a memo to the Building Commissioner and the Board of Selectmen stating the Commission's concerns with the site and to conduct a site inspection.

DISCUSSION Stoneymeade Development

The Commission discussed Mr. Gallagher's proposal, and the sidewalk issue.

Mr. Sheehan moved to write a letter to the Planning Board stating that the Commission does not recommend a sidewalk along Pope Road due to the extensive wetland impact. Mr. Chalmers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Conservation Commission will require extensive review of Mr. Gallagher's proposal on a recreation area, and no decision will be made until Conservation has reviewed the proposal with the Planning Board.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Mr. Sheehan reminded the Commission that there will be a workshop on November 29, 1989.

9:57 Meeting Adjourned.


Carol Place, Chair