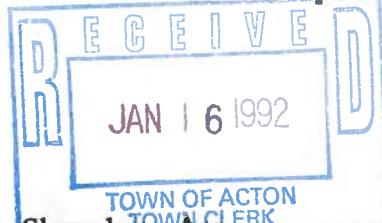


CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER 16, 1991

TOWN OF ACTON
TOWN CLERK

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Sheehan, Morene Bodner, Peter Shanahan, Ann Shubert, Charlotte Timlege, William Hill

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Linda McElroy, Charles Carlson

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Harry Donahue, Thor Swenson, Carol Flagg, Peter Eadie, Lucinda Turley, Robert Turley, Nancy Eadie

7:34 Mr. Sheehan called the meeting to order.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Friends of the Acton Arboretum - Harry Donahue

Mr. Donahue, President of the Friends of the Arboretum, is before the Commission asking them to adopt a policy that has already informally been administered by the Friends. Many donations have been made to the Arboretum in memory of various individuals. The intent of the Arboretum is not to have monumental plaques throughout. As the Commission knows a Kiosk was built by an Eagle Scout at the entrance to the Arboretum, and it is there that all donations will be recognized and listed.

Mr. Shanahan moved that the Conservation Commission formally adopt the policy of no monumental plaques to be placed in the Arboretum and that all donations be listed in the Kiosk. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Arboretum Work Day - Mr. Donahue invited the Commission to the Arboretum on Thursday, October 17, 1991 for a work day which will involve general maintenance, moving and planting of nursery stock.

EAGLE SCOUT - Thor Swenson

Thor Swenson reported that he has completed his project which involved the construction and placement of 4 sections of boardwalks at the Grassy Pond Conservation Area, and construction of two Woodduck houses. The total project took approximately 76 man hours. The Conservation Commission thanked Thor for the hours he put in completing his project.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Lot 23 Stoneymeade Way - Staff reported that a request for a certificate of compliance be issued for the noted site, and upon inspection has found the area to complete and stable.

Mr. Shanahan moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 23 Stoneymeade Way. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lot 17 & 18 Stoneymeade Way - Staff reported that a request for a certificate of compliance be issued for the noted site, and upon inspection has found the area to complete and stable.

Mr. Shanahan moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 17 & 18 Stoneymeade Way. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Audubon Hill - Phase S2 Brewster Lane - Staff reported that a request for a certificate of compliance be issued for the noted site, and upon inspection has found the area to complete and stable.

Mr. Shanahan moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Phase S2 Brewster Lane. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:00

NOTICE OF INTENT - Lot 4 Esterbrook Road

Mr. Sheehan opened the hearing under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Acton Bylaw for the construction of a single family home within 100' of a wetland.

Joe March, of Stamski & McNary, presented plans for a two acre site. Most of the house and all of the driveway are within 100' of a wetland. The plans presented show the proposed house to be 71' from the edge of wetland, and the driveway is 49' from the edge of wetland. Grading for the site will be as close as 38', and the limit of clearing will be 35' from the edge of wetlands. The well is proposed to be 60' from the edge of wetlands. The septic system is approved by the Board of Health and is out of the 100' buffer zone. As proposed the house will have a walk out basement with 8:1 slopes, and the "T" turn around for the driveway will have 2:1 slopes. Due to the topography of the site there will be no major excavation for the foundation.

8:12

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

Mr. Shanahan moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions for Lot 4 Esterbrook Road based on the plans presented. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:30

NOTICE OF INTENT - Lot 12 (#37) Stoneymeade Way

Mr. Sheehan opened the hearing under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaw for the construction of a single family house within 100' of a wetland.

Ian Rubin, of Lancewood Engineering, presented plans for Lot 12 Stoneymeade Way. The house and septic system are outside of the 100' buffer zone. The overall grade of the site will remain as it is with minor smoothing out. There is a detention pond adjacent to the lot at the northeast corner of the site, which has a berm rising up from natural grade and dropping into the detention area.

Morene Bodner reported that the detention pond shows signs of wetland indigenous species.

The Commission discussed the original intent of the detention pond, and although the detention area shows some wetland characteristics, the area is not considered to be a wetland.

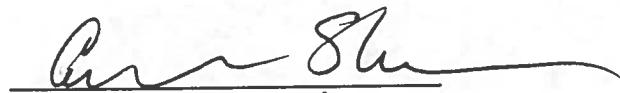
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Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Sheehan closed the hearing.

Ms. Bodner moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions for plans as presented for Lot 12 Stoneymeade. Ms. Shubert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9:04

Meeting Adjourned.


Andrew Sheehan, Chairman