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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
JUNE 6, 1990

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Charlotte Timlege

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea MacKenzie

VISITORS: Leo R. Reynolds, Oscar Kress, Peter Gurley, Edward Scioli, Greg Ormsby

8:03 Mr. Sheehan called the meeting to order.

905 MAIN STREET

The Commission noted that it appears the owner of 905 Main Street is slowly encroaching on the brook adjacent to his property. The Commission advised the Administrator to write a letter to the owner requesting him to appear before the Commission.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER - 1019-1023 Main Street

The Administrator reported that he has received notice from the alleged offender's lawyer denying any violations, and is requesting that the Commission set the Enforcement Order aside. The owner is Mr. Gordon Martin.

The Administrator is meeting with staff on June 7, 1990 regarding this location, and the violations on the site.

VISITOR - Greg Ormsby

Mr. Ormsby stated that he is pursuing state ordinance on ozone depletion by phasing out the use of CFC's (chloroflourocarbons) in manufacturing, and distribution, through the National Toxic Campaign. He is also trying to contribute at the local level by getting cities and towns to adopt a bylaw that would prohibit companies from using CFC's in manufacturing in their town/city. There are some alternatives to CFC use and production. Mr. Ormsby stated that on June 25 he is meeting with the Board of Health to discuss this issue, and also find out what the demands are in Acton for recycling.

The Commission thanked Mr. Ormsby for his time, and expressed their support for his effort.

8:31 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - 9 Sandy Drive

Mr. Sheehan opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Acton Bylaws for a 16' X 20' addition onto an existing house within 100' of a wetland.

Mr. Edward Sciolli (builder), and Mr. Peter Gurley (owner) stated that the existing house is 80' from the edge of wetland. He proposes to build an 16' X 20' addition in place of an existing deck, and build a 14' X 16' deck attached to the addition. Any excavated materials will be stock piled adjacent to house, and used as back fill around the foundation.

The Commission asked if the applicant would put haybales around the stock piled area, and that any excess fill not used on the site be removed from the site. The owner agreed, and amended the plans.

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

Mr. Dow moved to find the work as proposed and amended to be within the Commission's jurisdiction and will not impact the wetlands.

Mr. Chalmers seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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Staff received comments for the minutes of May 16, 1990.

8:45 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION - Partridge Pond Association

Mr. Sheehan opened the meeting under MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Acton Bylaws for the 1990 chemical treatment program of Partridge Pond.

The Request is for the third and final year of treatment for the pond.

Mr. Kress stated he is still using ChemLawn despite the Conservation commission's recommendation last year to stop using it, because of its impact on the pond.

Mr. Kress stated that this years pond treatment program is to spot treat with an herbicide along the shore, and still treat with Cutrine, following the vendor's aquatic control recommendations.

The Commission discussed the chemical treatments, and the Partridge Pond Committee's agreement with the Commission in letting this program continue, which was treating the cause and not just the symptoms. The Commission suggested alternatives to phosphorus fertilizers.

The Commission requested the applicant to continue this meeting pending their receipt and review of the Water Quality test results. The Commission is concerned about the water quality sampling already done, and they want a written description of where, how and when the samples are taken. The applicant agreed to continue the meeting.

The Administrator asked to be present at the next water sample taking. The applicant agreed to contact him when it is to be done.

Mr. Dow moved to continue this meeting, as agreed to by the applicant, until June 20, 1990 pending the receipt of the requested information.

Ms. Resor seconded the motion.

Mr. Dow also stated that he would like to the Applicator's Herbicide License on file with the Town. The applicant agreed.

The motion passed with 6 aye, and 1 abstained.

9:30 Meeting Adjourned.



Andrew Sheehan, Chairman