

Minutes

Mansfield Conservation Commission

Meeting of April 24, 2002
Audrey P. Beck Building, Conf. Room B
7:30-9:30 PM

Call to Order: 7:38 PM.

Present: *Members* - Robert Thorson, Jennifer Kaufman, Quentin Kessel, John Silander, and Frank Trainor. *Staff* - Grant Meitzler. *Visitors* - Jim Seversen, Tom Callahan, Susan Matos, Sam Matos, Lisa Dahn, Jacqueline Perfetto.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting approved at 7:42
Comment: Jennifer Kaufman found a rule that states that the minutes are due 48 hours after the meeting. No member of the committee remembers ever doing it that way.

IWA Issues:

1168 - Presentation by Susan and Sam Matos regarding W1168. They provided a packet for observation that included: (1) written documentation of a clear conflict between drilling logs and reports regarding the presence of water in test holes, calling into question the quality control of data entry; (2) statement that their personal of persistent and transient water conditions that are in conflict with the written record by the developer; (3) photos of the same; (4) A letter from R. Sculley of DEP confirming wet conditions at an earlier time; (5) Letters from several members of the town to the same effect, and (6) a letter from Sam Matos describing the same.

Consensus: The committee believes that the IWA should look into these concerns more closely by examining the materials. The Conservation Commission urges that the IWA exert great caution in reviewing the present plans for a second house on the lot, as well as other concerns about the driveway(s).

1174 - CCCenter - Motion by Kessel/Trainor that there is no significant negative impact provided that proper procedures for sediment/erosion control are followed. Unanimous with Thorson abstaining.

1170 - Zimmer - Motion by Kessel/Trainor that there is no significant negative impact provided that proper procedures for sediment/erosion control are followed. Unanimous with Thorson abstaining.

1171 - Giddings/Glasser Crossing - Motion by Kaufman/Trainor that we need more information about the context of the project (future plans; map of adjacent property, etc) before a decision can be reached. Committee believed that there will be a significant negative impact, that minimal excavation might mitigate some of that impact, and that

the IWA should recall that this is a direct tributary to a public water supply. Unanimous, with Kessel recusing himself.

1172 - Connelly - Motion by Kessel/Kaufman of no significant negative impact, provided that proper procedures for sediment/erosion control are followed. Unanimous with Thorson abstaining.

1173 - Mt. Hope Park - Motion by Kessel/Trainor of no significant negative impact provided that proper procedures for sediment/erosion control are followed. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Fenton River at 12 inches depth.

New Business:

Torrey Property - nothing

Coney Preserve - Motion by Kessel/Trainor to approve plan as submitted. Unanimous.

Lands of Unique Value - Progressing

Town Water Study - No news

UCONN and Environmental Regulation - No news

Thorson submits draft cursory review of Fenton River Aquifer Modeling for consideration at the next MCC meeting.

Kaufman announces Conservation Development Forum on May 2, 2002 and encourages representation by our committee.

Discussion of Parking near Bone Mill Road, especially in context of so many empty places at Mansfield Training School.

Next meeting at May 15th