

Mansfield Conservation Commission

Meeting of June 19, 2002
Audrey P. Beck Building, Conf. Room B
7:30-9:30 PM

Call to Order: 7:35 PM.

Adjourn: 9:10 PM

Present: *Members* - Robert Thorson, Quentin Kessler, John Silander, Lance Minkler.
Staff - Grant Meitzler *Visitors* - None.

Minutes: Approved at 7:35.

Fenton Water Levels: Normal.

Fenton Level-A Mapping: Brief discussion of meeting earlier on June 19 between Tom Callahan, Larry Shilling, the MCC Fenton Subcommittee (Silander, Thorson, Kessler, and staff of Legett, Brashears, and Graham). Summary to CC will be forthcoming.

Mission Statement: Minkler handed out modifications. Brief discussion. Tabled until next meeting, while Kessler searches out original mission statement.

Unsigned Minutes: Apparently, Kessler, former secretary, must sign minutes for the Town Clerk.

Open Space/Park Management: No action

Lands of Unique Value: Minkler reported that the last meeting was generally about "imagibility" of the town from roads, had little relevance to conservation issues, and was "difficult."

Town Water Study: Discussion of potential options by Kessler, especially water main in from Tolland/Vernon. Agreed that all of us have to look at the document more carefully before discussion.

Pine Grove Estates: Motion by Thorson/Minkler to endorse and support the written comments made by the Open Space Committee to the PZC regarding roadside buffers at Pine Grove Estates. We recommend that the lots be reconfigured to retain more of the woodland along both roadsides and that the presently proposed buffers are inadequate from a conservation point of view. *Unanimous.*

Subdivision Regulations: Thorson reported a recent cautionary tale about stone walls and subdivision regulations from Killingly, where regulations designed to maintain

existing stone walls in new subdivisions were subverted by a developer who took off the walls before declaring a subdivision, thereby avoiding the restriction.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development: The MCC requests that at least one of its members serve on that committee, in part, to be a liason back to the MCC. No motion made.

IWA Issues:

W1180 - College Mart (old Bob's Store). Thorson/Kessel moved "no significant negative impact provided that siltation/erosion control methods are in place. Unanimous.

W1181 - Wormwood Hill. Kessel/Thorson moved that greater attention be given to runoff to Hansen's Pond from the steep slopes and large cuts. Dry wells and level spreaders may help mitigate concerns of sediment and driveway petroleum pollution. Unanimous.

W1182 - Halle, Fieldstone Drive. Kessel/Silander moved "no significant negative impact provided that siltation/erosion control methods are in place." Motion passed unanimously.

W1183-Varga. Thorson/Kessel moved no significant negative impact. Unanimous.

W1184 - Williams, Wildwood. Thorson/Kessel moved "no significant negative impact provided that siltation/erosion control methods are in place." Unanimous.