

Mansfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the June 18, 2003 Meeting
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (Chair), Jennifer Kaufman, Quentin Kessel, and Lanse Minkler.

Absent: Denise Burchsted, John Silander, Robert Thorson and Frank Trainor.

Town Staff: Grant Meitzler

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.
2. The minutes of the April 16, 2003 were approved unanimously with a motion made by Minkler and seconded by Kessel.
3. Election of officers: The slate of Robert Dahn for chairman, Lance Minkler for vice chairman and Quentin Kessel for secretary was proposed and passed unanimously.
4. Fenton River Water Level: Kessel reported that it was about knee deep (approximately 21 inches) between rocks where he crosses the river by the University pumping station A. He also reported on his attendance at the June 12, 2003 at the 2nd Technical Advisory Group Meeting for the project, "Long-term impact analysis of the University of Connecticut's Fenton River Water Supply Wells on the Habitat of the Fenton River." (In the morning Thorson met with Starn and Remo, USGS hydrologists, and Stone, USGS surficial geologist, members of the team making the study.)
5. Open Space/Park Management Issues: Kessel agreed to present a supportive letter on behalf of the CC at the Town Council public hearing on the purchase of the Mullane Property. Dahn and Kessel agreed it would be best to wait until October when the leaves would be off the trees to mark the Torrey Property boundaries.
6. Town Plan of Conservation and Development: The June 16, 2003 hearing was discussed and the CC will continue to monitor the process.
7. IWA Referrals.
 - a) W1213 - Pechie – Hunting Lodge Road. Map date 5/26/03. This application is for a deck in the regulated area. Kessel moved and Minkler seconded that there should be no significant negative impact on the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b) W1214 - Bradley – Codfish Falls Road. Map date 5/29/03. This application is for a small addition in the buffer, but separated from the wetland by an existing driveway. Minkler moved, and Kaufman seconded, that the proposed work would have no significant negative impact on the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously (with Kessel recusing himself from the discussion and the voting).

c) W1215 - Lavitt - Coventry Road. Map date 2/03. This application is for a six-lot subdivision in a regulated area. Other land owned of Rega Acquisitions on the east side along Coventry Road does not have its wetlands mapped so the CC is unable to comment on the portion of the driveway to Lots 4,5,and 6. Furthermore, the CC could not identify the erosion and sedimentation controls for the individual lots. The CC also noted that on lots 5 and 6 the construction could take place further form the wetlands than the plan shows. Because of these concerns, the CC chooses not to make a recommendation at the present time.

d) W1216 - Cleare - Ravine Road. Map date 5/30/03. This application is for the construction of a house in a regulated area. The CC is concerned that the westerly lot line has been chosen in such a way as to force the placement of the house and septic fields unnecessarily close to the wetlands. No motion was made with respect to this application.

7. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Kessel
Secretary