

Mansfield Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the December 18, 2002 Meeting  
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (Chair), Jennifer Kaufman, Quentin Kessel, and John Silander (7:50PM arrival).

Absent: Denise Burchsted, Lanse Minkler, Mary Rogers, Robert Thorson and Frank Trainor,.

Town Staff: Grant Meitzler

Guest: Rich Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.
2. The revised easement for the Windswept Manor subdivision on East Road (PZC file 1198) together with a 12/13/02 Memo from Padick to the PZC were reviewed. The consensus was that the proposed easement would be of little value to either the residents of this subdivision or the Town of Mansfield. It was agreed that either a contribution to the Town for open space acquisition or trail development (e.g., from the proposed development to the Town's Fifty Foot property) would have more value to the Town. Concern was expressed that Padick's memo failed to address lighting for the subdivision. Because of the proximity of the University of Connecticut's astronomical observatory on East Road, it is important that source of any light not be directly observable from the observatory site and that all external lighting be minimal and downwardly directed.
3. Plan of Conservation and Development: Notes from a 10/23/02 meeting of the Open Space Preservation Committee were reviewed. It was agreed to see whether the CC might not be able to meet with the OSPC at their January meeting. Kaufman will see if such a joint meeting would be possible.
4. Willimantic Greenway Proposal: Reviewed the proposal for the Willimantic River Greenway. The Conservation Commission strongly endorses designating the Willimantic River a State Greenway. Kaufman will draft letter to PZC indicating so.
5. IWA Referrals.
  - a. W1197 Russell/Milius Chaffeeville Road. Map date November 21, 2002. This application is for a home addition/renovation. Dahn moved, and Kessel seconded, that the proposed work would have no significant negative impact on the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.

6. The minutes of the November 20, 2002 were approved unanimously with a motion made by Kaufman and seconded by Dahn.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Kessel,  
Secretary, *pro tem*