

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and Chairmen  
of Standing Committees.  
March 5, 1963.

A special meeting of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs Joseph A. Malone.

Present were Messrs. Nettleton, Holmes, Barmettler, Bligh, and Malone,  
and Mesdames Holmes, Coggeshall, Forsythe, Mack, Overocker and Miss Cypher.

The special meeting was called to allow Board Members to consider action on an offer of 5.8 acres of land to the Society by the Kenridge Equities Corporation.

Mr. Nettleton gave a summary of the development of the offer and with the aid of a map, a description of the site.

Mrs. Coggeshall read several letters from organizations offering suggestions and advice regarding acceptance of the land offer. Correspondence was received from the Raymond Planning Commission, National Audubon Society and Wildlife Preserve. Assistance in the form of taking title to the land was offered by Wildlife Preserve.

Excerpts were read from Mr. Fennell's letter to Mr. Leines, the local legal counsel for the Kenridge Corporation, pointing out provisions under which the Society would accept the property.

In view of the impending incorporation of the Society a discussion was held on the advantages and disadvantages of the ownership of the land. It was pointed out the property would remain in its natural state except for a right of way and repair of the bridge across the Pocantico River.

Mr. Fennell was telephoned at his home for clarification on four points. These and their clarifications were as follows;

- (1) Disposition of property in event Society should dissolve.

The property could be donated but not sold to a similar type of organization. Also if the Board of Directors decides to dispose of the property to a Government organization if it found it was no longer feasible to support it, it could be sold to that organization and the proceeds used for further wildlife activities.

- (2) Right of way.

The acquisition of a right of way is a positive condition of the deed.

- (3) Pests and nuisances.

Saw Mill River Audubon Society would be responsible for public liability.

- (4) Right to repair bridge.

Bridge would be jointly the responsibility of SMRAS and the owner of adjoining property. Should SMRAS proceed to repair bridge no objection is foreseen from owner of adjoining property.

The consensus of the Board was to consider Wildlife Preserve have title ownership and SMRAS administer the property or that SMRAS have title and administration.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mack and seconded by Mrs. Overocker as follows;  
That Saw Mill River Audubon Society have title provided

conditions in Mr. Fennell's letter are met, subject to our incorporation.

For the motion, six (Mesdames Forsythe, Overocker, Coggeshall, Mack, and Messrs. Holmes and Messiah.)

Opposed, one (Miss Cypher)

Not voting, three (Messrs. Bligh, Barnettler, Mrs. Holmes.)

A discussion was held on Mr. Chernick's suggestion that the property be named for his late father. A final decision on the matter was postponed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted

  
Recording Secretary