

HARWINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carole Romano, Peter Brazaitis IV, Roger Plaskett, Greg Marshall, Orrie Simko. Commission alternate Joanne Cyr is excused and is appearing as an applicant.

Absent: Bree Gurin, Brian Nedley

Also attending: Peter and Cathleen Neag, Anita Nedley, Eliot Cyr, James Sawyer, Greg Martinotti.

With quorum established, the meeting opened at 7:01 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes for June 18, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING 1 for Peter and Cathleen Neag 36 Harmony Hill Road, Application #73 for a 3-rail fence along the north side of property. The legal notice which appeared in the July 6, 2013 edition of the Republican American was read. (Please see Attachment A to these minutes and tape recording labeled July 16, 2013.) Photos and product information were made available and were placed on file.

Mr. James Sawyer of 37 Harmony Hill Road inquired about the height, color, and material of the fence. Mr. Neag answered that the fence would be between 4 and 5 feet high, and made of white vinyl. Length of fence is approximately 561 feet from front to back of property..

Mrs. Anita Nedley, of 40 Harmony Hill Road, inquired as to the height of the fence, number of rails, distance between the posts, the boulders, and if the erection of the fence would damage the Norway spruce trees running along her southern border. Mr. Neag said the placement of the fence would meet zoning requirements. Mrs. Nedley expressed other concerns but these were not applicable to the fence. Photos were made available by Mrs. Nedley showing markings on a tree representing height differences of a fence at 3 feet, 4 feet, and 5 feet as viewed from her property. *Mrs. Nedley requested that the fence height be no more than 3 feet, with a maximum of 2 rails.*

Roger Plaskett asked Mr. Neag to find out the exact height of the proposed fence and number of rails. Mr. Neag said he would be meeting with the contractor and would get back to the Commission with this information. A decision on this application will be made in executive session. The public hearing was closed at 7:45 by Chairman Romano.

PUBLIC HEARING 2 for Joanne Cyr, 85 Harmony Hill Road, Application #74 for livestock fencing. The legal notice was read earlier. (Please see tape recording of this hearing labeled July 16, 2013.) Photos of the areas to be fenced were available, and product information was placed on file. The south and west sides of property would be fenced including any gaps in the stone wall on the north side. Installation of the metal livestock fence will be done by the homeowner. This type of fencing is temporary and probably will not be seen from the road. A hand-drawn diagram of the placement of the fence was made available. There is no landscaping planned for the front of the fence. Neighbor Greg Martinotti asked if the arborvitae would be affected and Mrs Cyr answered she did not know. They will have a survey done first before doing anything to make sure the fence is on their property and within zoning requirements. With no further questions, the hearing was closed at 7:52 by Chairman Romano. Discussion will follow in executive session and the applicant will be notified of the Commission's decision.

MEMBERSHIP – The Town Clerk has contacted Carole about the terms for alternate Bree Gurin (3-year term ending in 2016 and Orrie Simko, who is now a regular member (5-year term ending in 2018)

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VETERAN'S MEMORIAL – Roger Plaskett emailed 1st Selectman Mike Criss on July 10th regarding the proposed Veteran's Memorial and respectfully asked that the Commission be included in the process and be provided with periodic updates. Roger explained that the Commission will be requesting that an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness be submitted prior to its construction because the South Road Green is within the boundaries of the historic district. Mike replied that he would speak to the Veteran's Memorial Committee and ask if they would join him for an informal discussion on the project with the HDC possibly at the August 20th meeting. The discussion will be added to the August HDC agenda.

HANDBOOK – Roger reported that the new 3rd edition of the HDC handbook is ready to be picked up from the printers which he will do on Wednesday, and he will submit an invoice to the Town.

OUTREACH PROJECT – Tabled.

PUBLIC INPUT – Mr. Greg Martinotti of 71 Harmony Hill Road requested an application for construction of a garage. He was given an application to fill out for submission at a pre-hearing to be held at the August 20th meeting.

WEBSITE – Roger reported 636 hits in the last month on his website harwintonhistory.com

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:00 pm.

Discussion followed on the two applications.

Regarding Application #73 -- Roger Plaskett made a motion that the Neag's fence be approved with the restriction that the posts are not higher than 5 feet. Approval will be issued once assurance of fence height restriction is received via a phone call from Mr. Neag. All members in favor.

Regarding Application #74 -- Peter Brazaitis made a motion to approve livestock fencing for Joanne Cyr. All in favor.

With nothing further to discuss, executive session was closed at 8:15 pm and meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Clerk
Historic District &
Historic Properties Commission

Attachment
A

40 HARMONY HILL ROAD'S QUESTIONS RE:

36 HARMONY HILL ROAD PROPOSED FENCE ON NORTH SIDE OF PROPERTY

The owner of 40 Harmony Hill Road respectfully requests that the Commission include these questions in the published minutes.

- A) What is the actual height of the fence that applicant(s) proposes plans and intends to install?
- B) What is the actual length of the fence rails (distance between posts) that the applicant(s) intend to install?
- C) How many fence posts do the applicant(s) need?
- D) How many fence posts do the applicant(s) intend to install?
- E) Cement footings are usually installed on end posts, corner posts and gate posts. As the applicant will not have gate or corner posts, specifically, how many cement footings will the applicant(s) need?

~~How many fence posts do the applicant(s) intend to install?~~

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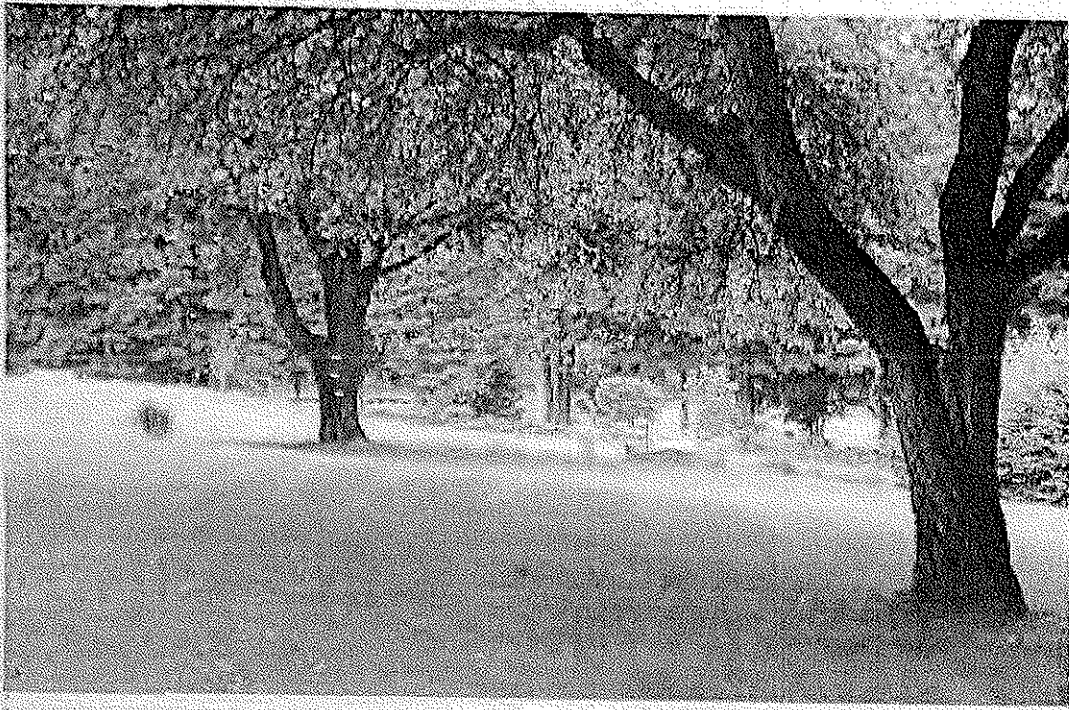
~~How deep will the footings be?~~

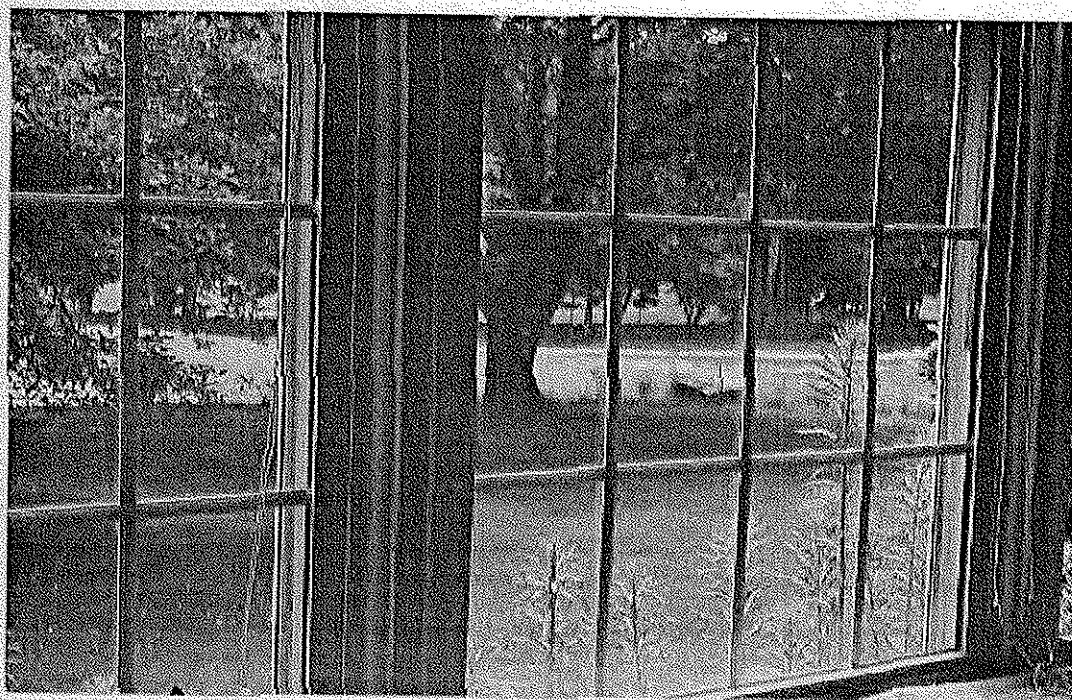
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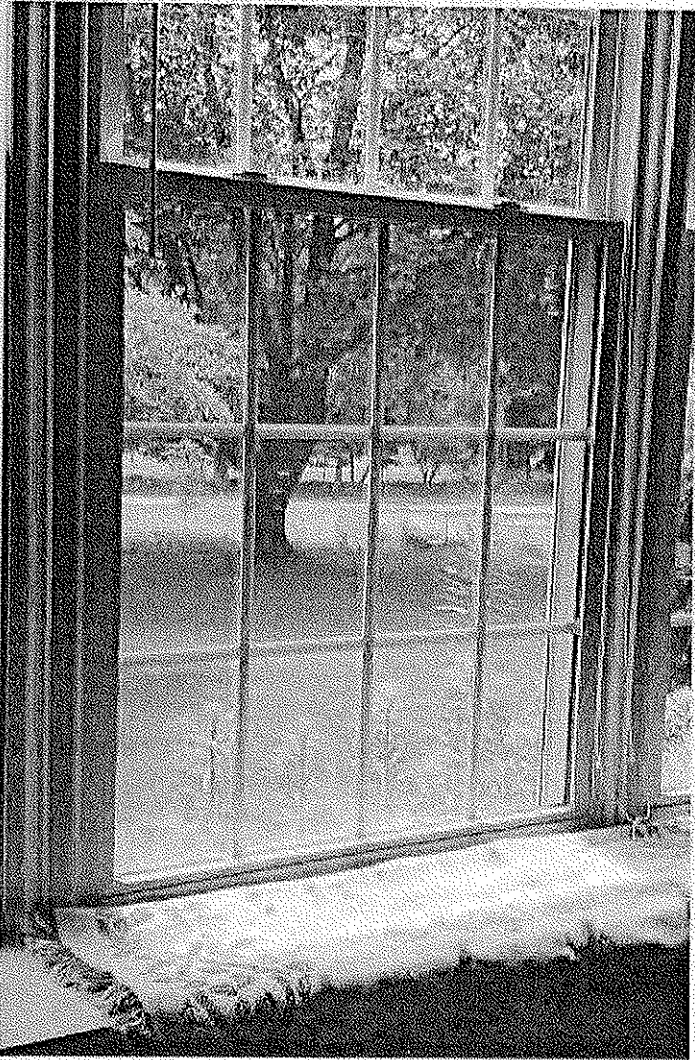
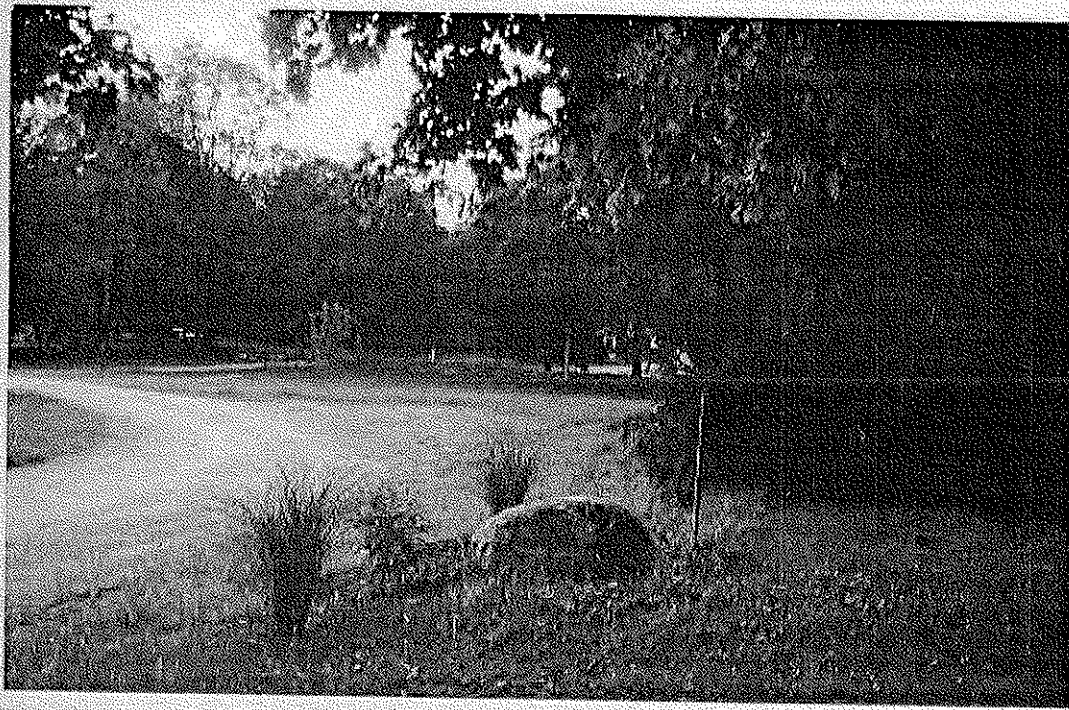
- J) The applicant(s)' northern property line is approximately 561+ feet.
Where exactly is the fence proposed to be located regarding the Norway spruce trees along the southern property line of 40 Harmony Hill Road?

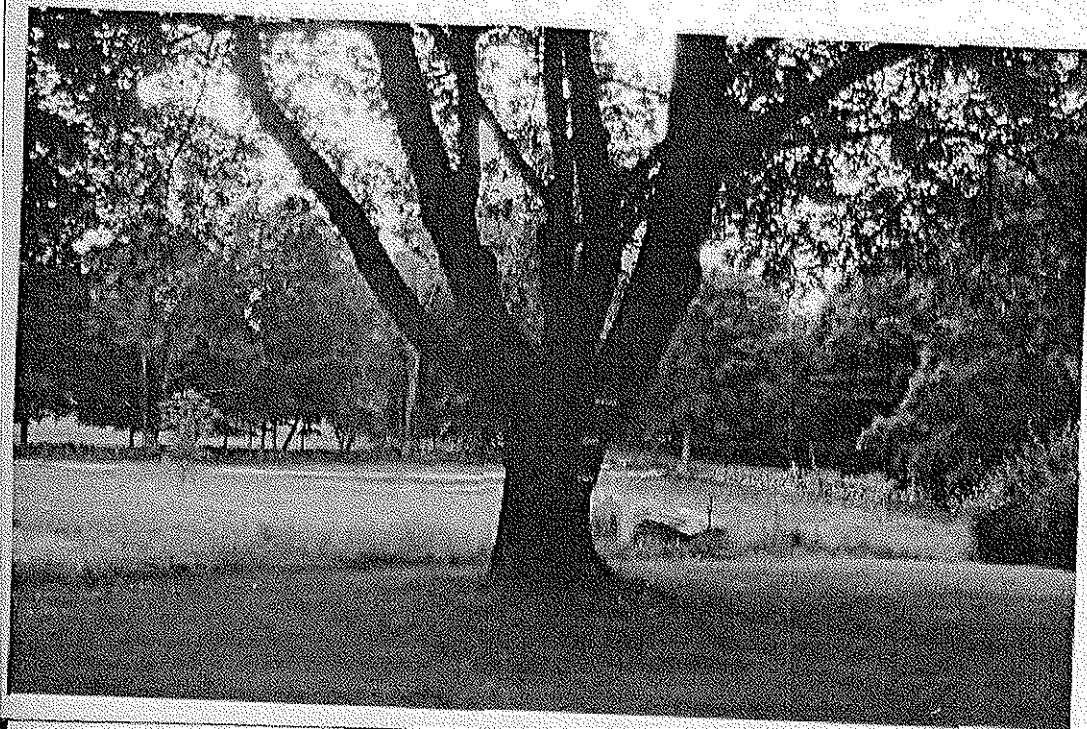
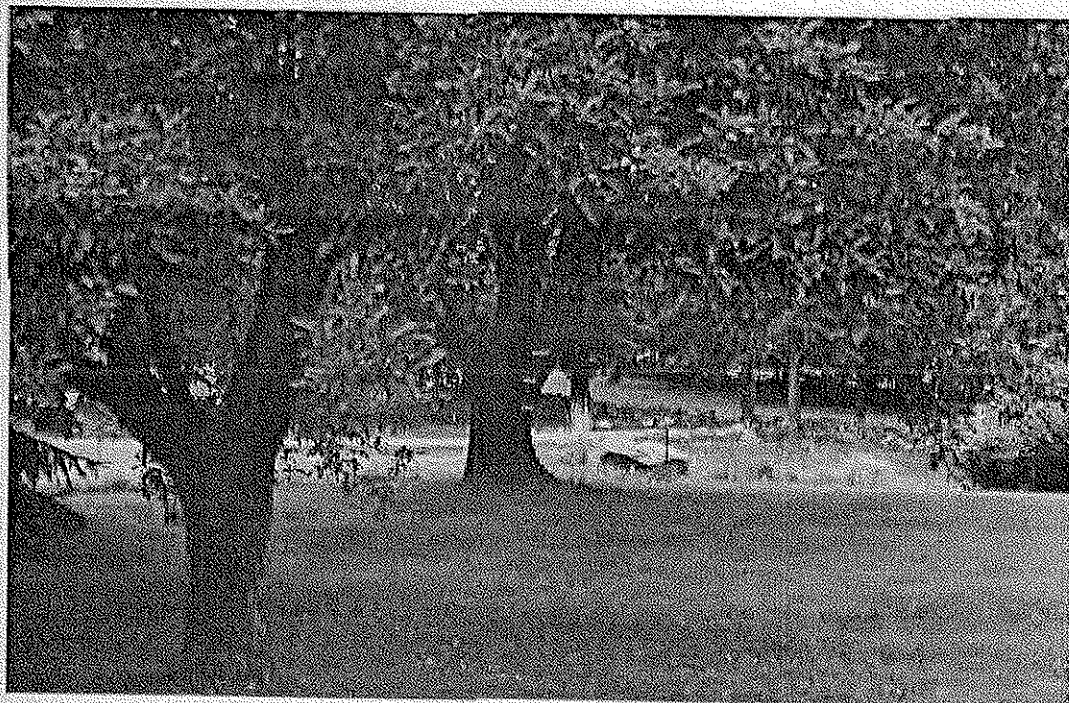
~~How does the applicant(s) plan to avoid further damage to the Norway spruce trees and erect the fence in between the trees or does the applicant plan to subject the Norway spruce trees to further damage by erecting the fence continuously south of the trees?~~

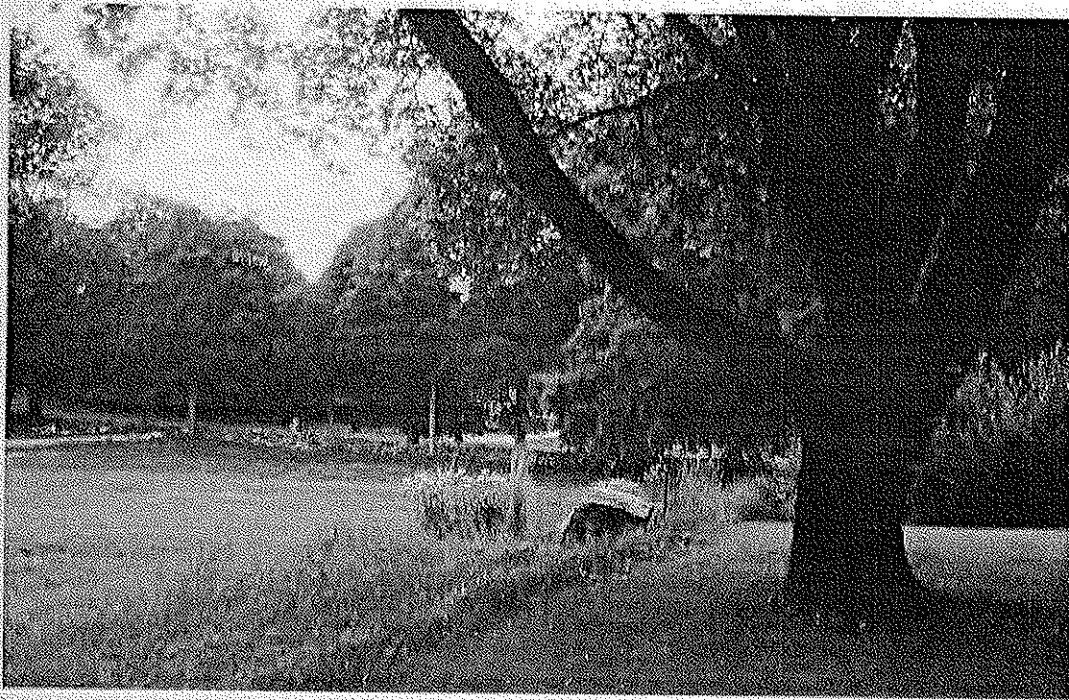
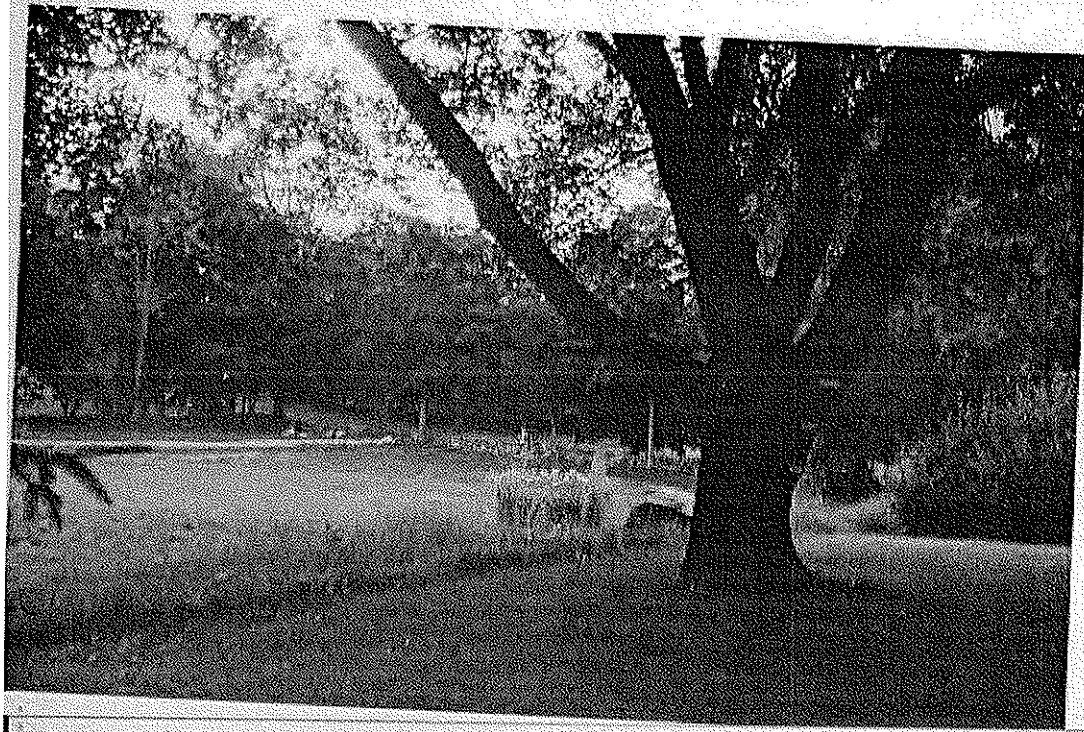
~~1. If the Commission has not yet designated an enforcement officer by the date~~
~~of the filing of the application, the Commission shall designate an enforcement officer~~
~~as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 30 days after the date of the~~
decision regarding this specific application.

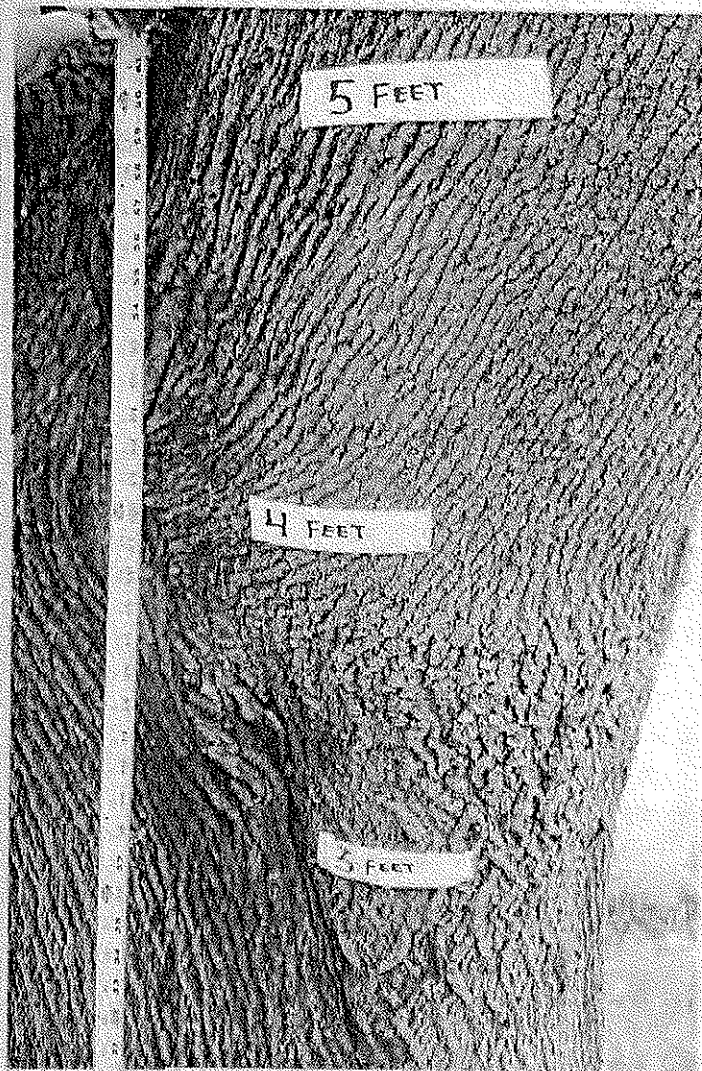












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