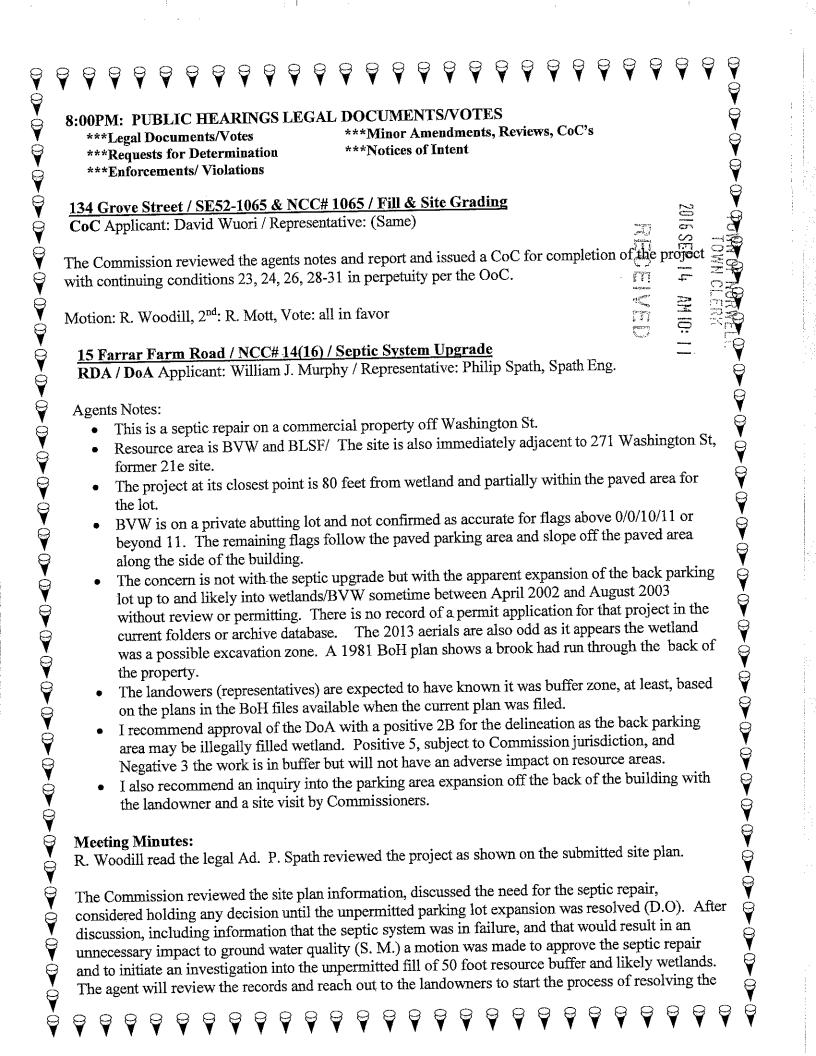
## NORWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION 345 Main Street / Norwell, MA June 7, 2016 @ 7:00 PM - Room 112 **Final Minutes** 7:00PM: CALL TO ORDER AGENDA ACCEPTANCE Present: Marynel Wahl, Dave Osborne, Bob McMackin, Bob Woodill, Ron Mott, Stacy Minihane Nancy Hemingway, Conservation Agent and Ellen McKenna (8:01) Recording Clerk. M. Wahl called the meeting to order and informed the audience that the meeting was being recorded. M. to accept the agenda as written, R. Woodill, 2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Mott, Vote all in favor **COMMISSION BUSINESS** • Commission on Disabilities (Misposted as Council on Aging) (Susan Curtin & Jim Kelliher) -Info. & Collaboration Meeting Minutes o Commission on Disabilities Members Susan Curtin, Jim Kelliher and Lori Galvin attended to introduce themselves and their mission. They noted that they were relatively new to the CoD and were contacting groups to educate them on the responsibilities to the Community to assist and accommodate people of all abilities. They gave an overview of their program and offered assistance in reviewing projects to ensure that compliance with ADA and ABB codes are being appropriately built into projects. Susan Curtin noted that they were taking a pro-active approach to change the culture and to be available to help review as projects develop. The group discussed the recent Jacobs Pond project, noting that it was well managed for ADA compliance. The new parking areas in Donovan were discussed. A discussion of laws regarding accessibility in outdoor spaces was held. The Commission agreed that projects should be done properly or they should not be started. M. Wahl, Chairperson told the Commission members that the ConCom would be happy to send project plans along for review as projects came forward. End of year budget review – Continued from May 17. **Meeting Minutes** After brief discussion and summary of final invoices submitted, the Commission voted to return any remaining funds for this year to the general fund rather than purchase new equipment. M-R. Mott, 2-D. Osborne, In favor M. Wahl, D. Osborne, B. McMackin, R. Mott, S. Minihane. Opposed R. Woodill, noting that the Commission needed equipment even if inexpensive to conduct their land management responsibilities. The budget is already too small, and the Commission is sending the wrong message. Additional funds are needed, not less. Jacobs Farm Management Discussion - Continued to the June 21, meeting. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES Open Space & Recreation o summary discussion of the Conservation Day program. Despite rainy weather, those attending had an excellent time. The Commission decided they should run the program

again and voted to shift the event to a Saturday in July. Discussion for planning will be scheduled for the fall to get an earlier start on planning and publicity. Land Protection Bob Galvin's presence was requested at an upcoming meeting to work toward resolving the outstanding land issues. Pathways o R. Woodill gave a brief summary of the discussion relating to connecting the Forest St pathway to the downtown area. Trail/Signage O Conservation Disk designs were further discussed, no decisions made. The Library is hosting a spotlight on the Town Trails called "Great Hikes in Your Own Backyard this Saturday 2-3. CPC D. Osborne noted that the CPC would be meeting to discuss carry over requests for outstanding CPC grants. N. Hemingway noted that the carry over request summary was complete and she would forward that to E. McKenna and J. Mariano. Farming -The meeting to discuss American Chestnut restoration farms / possibly at Stetson is to be rescheduled from next Wednesday June 15th at 1 to Friday, June 17th at 10. Meet in the Conservation Office. o Carissa Demore has been promoted and will no longer be the contact for HNE. No replacement yet. Grants o A discussion on developing a grant program is scheduled for the June 17th meeting. Zoning Bylaw o R. Woodill – the zoning bylaw committee is being amended to be a bylaw review committee with the charge of ....???? MISCELLANEOUS 1. Bills a. Fast Signs - \$204.36 - Jacobs Sign from CPC Kiosk/sign grant b. ABC - \$95.38 - equipment blade, air filters, gas filters c. Ed Cox - \$321.75 d. Mark Mederos - \$867.75 e. Ellen McKenna - \$450.00 - 4/5, 4/19 and 5/17WB Mason \$33.26 – office supplies g. EcoTec - \$271.80 - peer review 13/33 Winter St mitigation and replication h. EcoTec - \$326.80 – peer review 239 Washington Place replication EcoTec - \$326.80 - Wildcat replication and mitigation areas j. Motion to pay the bills by R. Woodill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Osborne, vote all in favor. 2. Minutes (4/19/16 & 5/17/16) tabled to 6/17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Discussion of issues and/or land offers/land of interest, disclosure of which will impact negotiating position of the Commission and/or Town.



violation. It is likely a Violation notice or Enforcement Order may be the result of the investigation, an update will be given at the next meeting. Motion to approve the DoA with a positive 2B for the delineation as the back parking area may be illegally filled wetland. Positive 5, subject to Commission jurisdiction, and Negative 3 the work is in buffer but will not have an adverse impact on resource areas by R. Woodill. 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Mott, Vote: In favor, S. Minihane, R. Mott, R Woodill, M. Wahl, Opposed, D. Osborne. Motion passes. 82 Brantwood Road / NCC# 15(16) / Septic System Upgrade RDA / DoA Applicant: John & Maureen Niland / Representative: Greg Morse, Morse Eng. This is a septic repair project in a densely developed neighborhood. Resource is BVW located behind a fence off the back of the property. The system is as far from resources as it can be located. The fence appears to be on abutting property. Significant yard debris has been dumped behind the fence into and adjacent to the wetland. I recommend issuing a decision with a requirement that the debris be removed to the town mulch area before the start of work. Recommend pos 2B not confirmed as accurate, pos 5 subject to local jurisdiction, neg 3 buffer but no adverse impact. **Meeting Minutes** Mr. Woodill read the notice of public hearing. Greg Morse, Morse Engineering, represented the homeowner. He is proposing an upgrade to the septic system as detailed in the plans shown at this meeting. He outlined the wetland compliance measures implemented in conjunction with the construction process. Adding a mulch sock has been included in the conditions. Also added; get rid of the debris in the back as part of the condition. Motion; made by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Woodill, to approve the RDA/DoA for 15.16 with conditions as noted. Unanimously voted Land off Winter St., Cross Street & Old Oaken Bucket Rd. / SE52-1095 & NCC# 16(16) / Wetland Line Delineation Confirmation ANRAD / ORAD Applicant: John Kopacz, Trustee of Kopacz Family R/T / Representative: Greg Morse, Morse Eng. Agents Notes Summary - refer to full agents notes for complete report. All resource areas are not included, 2<sup>nd</sup> Herring Brook and it's associated resource areas are not shown. Brooke believes the area of the Cranberry Bog may be the headwaters for Second Herring Brook. I had understood it extended into Scituate... In other locations, wetlands were flagged but not shown on the map. In 2 locations, wetland areas exist adjacent to existing dirt roads, within the contiguous property, but are not delineated or shown clearly on the plan. (adjacent to 254 Cross Street and adjacent to 363 Winter St. The site plan is a bit unusual as it shows only a portion of the properties as being subject to the ANRAD, but shows the entire cumulative lots layout with the ANRAD portion within the

property. As I understand it, the entire contiguous property would be subject to the pending

A site visit was taken 6/3 with Brooke Monroe, many of the flags were not found or visible in

the field, many had been torn down and need to be survey located and rehung.

subdivision/development project review.

Two abutters of the larger property came in to say they had not been notified but had heard from neighbors about the project. Green Cards were submitted Monday afternoon and will be reviewed prior to the hearing. As with previous similar filings, the applicant has the right to request confirmation of BVW only. However as all resources and possibly jurisdictional areas are not clearly defined on the site plan, only BVW and one VP. A group site visit is strongly recommended or alternatively peer review. In this case the majority of the resources on site are cranberry bogs and a reservoir with very clear limits. The site plan must be better clarified, resources shown that are flagged in the field but missing from the plan. Areas are also shown on the plan as delineated but according to the representative are not part of the filing before the Commission. This should be clarified as if the plans are approved without specifically identifying those areas, they are presumed to be approved with issuance of an ORAD. **Meeting Minutes** FT; Mr. Woodill read the notice of public hearing. Present were, John Kopacz, Trustee of Kopacz family, Greg Morse, Morse engineering and Marty Nover of Nover Armstrong. Marty Nover, wetlands consultant, gave an overview of the property map with clarification questions from Ms. Wahl. She did an overview of the site, cranberry bogs, reservoirs, etc. in order to update the commission. M. Nover stated that there are a number of wetland flags excluded on this map as they are not actually on site. There are quite a few resource areas at this site. Ms. Nover said the cranberry bogs (farm operation) were excluded from the ANRAD as it doesn't need to be included in the review. There is additional land that needs flagging per the bylaw, and more parameters that will be part of the map for the review process. The Trust is asking for a continuance to update the plan and add flags in the field prior to the new review. Updated plans will be submitted to the commission. Residents of Cranberry Lane and abutters of the above property were in attendance at this meeting to ask questions and make comments; Kevin Daltman, Linda Dyer asked when plans would be ready for review. Per Ms. Wahl, when the plan is ready for review the commission will do a walk-through. Linda Dyer has been added to the list of people who will be notified of the plan status. Ms. Wahl reminded all that abutters get only one notification, and it is up to the individual to check with the Town or the Town website to read the public meeting agendas. Ms. Minihane stated for all that this hearing will be continued to a date certain that will be publicly posted, and will also be posted on the Conservation Commission website. June 21st is the next meeting. Agent Hemingway advised all to call the Conservation office to find out the specific agenda. Ms. Nover hopes to be ready for the next meeting, and will get the plans to Agent Hemingway ASAP. Bill Hyne, 265 Old Oaken Bucket Rd. asked about the culvert that runs Old Oaken Bucket Road. M. Nover said that is not an area of concern for this hearing. Mr. Hyne's next questions addressed the Cushing graves site that was part of the recent CPC application, as he is concerned about that particular area being impacted by these plans. N. Hemingway noted that was a Historical Commission concern and was not under the Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Hyne would like to see that area left alone. The landowner of the cranberry bog area wants to ascertain the resource area so that it will be protected, which is the commission's goal as well. More discussion ensued about property affected by potential building. Motion; made by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Woodill, to continue this discussion to the meeting on June 21st. Unanimously voted

Bowker Street, 260/278 Lot C (Bl. 39, Lot 45 & (Partial) Lot 46 / SE52-1097 & NCC# 18(16) / Single-Family Home NoI / OoC Applicant: Greg Webb, Webb Builders / Representative: Greg Morse, Morse Engineering This is construction of a new SFH on ANR'd land previously part of the Meadowcroft Day Camp. A site visit was taken Monday afternoon. The lot lines and structure layouts were staked and outlined in field tape for clarity. Several recurring requests were discussed. Proximity of structure and driveways to the 50 foot resource buffer, Need for a construction phase plan/detail sheet – access, stockpiling, staging, controls, Explanation of where and how long term yard use would occur without encroachement into the 50. – possible fence with Conservation posts Clean up of residual debris from camp structures, the concrete blocks some of them were balanced on are still in the woods among other debris remaining from removal of a couple of the structures. Invasive control, Garlic Mustard is found throughout the site. Introduction of knotweed and phragmites must be prevented and planned for. All trees in the 50-100 foot buffer are slated for removal. This leaves a significantly high number of spindly pines on the edge of structures. This should be addressed during the permitting phase as the planned project will result inevitably in many unstable tall/spindle pines that will no longer be buffered and will likely have to be removed to prevent falling onto the homes in wind storms. The location of the pool and patio were discussed for lot C as well as the level of earth removal to level the hill for the structure and walk out basement. Stockpiling or removal of this soil as it is generated? Restoration of the 50 foot buffer edge? o Fence locations? The structure or portions of structures are shown up to the 50 foot buffer. The 50 foot buffer, per the Norwell Bylaw, as defended in court is a resource area and is subject to no new alteration or activity. I have never seen a structure at the edge of a resource that has not impacted that resource either through construction phase or long term use. Both short term construction impacts and long term use impacts, incremental creeping encroachment must be addressed before potential impacts can be evaluated accurately. A group site visit is strongly recommended to view the stakes and flagging. The applicant has noted that this is a previously used area. There is no similarity in impact to adjacent resources between camp huts in a tree covered wooded area and full out SFH development including impervious, pools, patios etc of the same area. I recommend at this time working with the applicants to reduce the scope of the work so the project can be permitted within the guidelines of the local bylaw. **Meeting Minutes** Mr. Woodhill read the notice of public hearing. Present were Jim Kelly and G. Morse. G Morse, of Morse Engineering, reviewed lot C. The wetlands were delineated thru an ORAD process. All reviewed the site plan for lot C. The proposed project details were given by Mr. Morse for the house plan with a swimming pool and cabana, stating that the project doesn't alter any resource areas. The BOH has approved septic, DEP has no comments. Although the wetlands

will be encroached on, per Mr. Morse, this was the Meadowcroft Day Camp, which had existing cabins and some buildings that have been removed. There is a pine forest (planted for reclamation). Discussion ensued about the size and number of lots. Discussion about moving the house and existing septic ensued, along with a proposed move for the swimming pool and cabana, which would open up some of the 50' buffer and prevent encroachment. The commission voiced concerns that the house might be too big for the lot. All discussed the 50 foot resource buffer and inevitable impact on that area from construction and long term use. Shifting the home would help prevent that. Mr. Morse stated that all cabins will be removed. Commission members all wanted the construction zone and footprint of disturbance for the pool and cabana shifted out and away from the 50-foot buffer zone. Several Commissioners expressed that they would like to see the structures outside the 100 foot buffer to accommodate a reasonable yard. This hearing will be continued to the next meeting on June 21st. Mr. Morse will come back with a revised plan. Agent Hemingway will organize a group site visit. She asked Mr. Morse total the same system of caution tape to delineate the plan. Comments from abutter James Richardson, Grove, St. were heard. Per Mr. Richardson, Lor C is only stakes in the ground, not marked with tape. Mr. O'Meara taped the property so he could see the outline. Trees are marked for removal on the lot. Motion; made by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Ms. Minihane, to continue the hearing for Lot C to the meeting on June 21st at 8pm. Unanimously voted Bowker Street, 260/278 Lot D (Bl. 39, (Partial) Lot 46 / SE52-1096 & NCC# 17(16) / Single-Family Home NoI / OoC Applicant: Francis O'Meara, Trustee of Alicia R/T / Representative: Greg Morse Engineering Morse, • This is construction of a new SFH on ANR'd land previously part of the Meadowcroft Day Camp. A site visit was taken Monday afternoon. The lot lines and structure layouts were staked and outlined in field tape for clarity. Several recurring requests were discussed. Proximity of structure and driveways to the 50 foot resource buffer, Need for a construction phase plan/detail sheet - access, stockpiling, staging, controls, Explanation of where and how long term yard use would occur without encroachment into the 50. - possible fence with Conservation posts Clean up of residual debris from camp structures, the concrete blocks some of them were balanced on are still in the woods among other debris remaining from removal of a couple of the structures. Invasive control, Garlic Mustard is found throughout the site. Introduction of knotweed and phragmites must be prevented and planned for. All trees in the 50-100 foot buffer are slated for removal. This leaves a significantly high number of spindly pines on the edge of structures. This should be addressed during the permitting phase as the planned project will result inevitably in many unstable tall/spindle pines that will no longer be buffered and will likely have to be removed to prevent falling onto the homes in wind storms. The structure or portions of structures are shown up to the 50 foot buffer.

Mr. Morse said he had been careful to respect the 50 foot buffer, but will come back with a revised

Bowker Street, 260/278 Lot E (Bl. 39, Lot 46E) / SE52-xxxx & NCC# 19(16) / Single-Family Home NoI / OoC Applicant: James & Eileen Kelly / Representative: Brad Holmes, ECR

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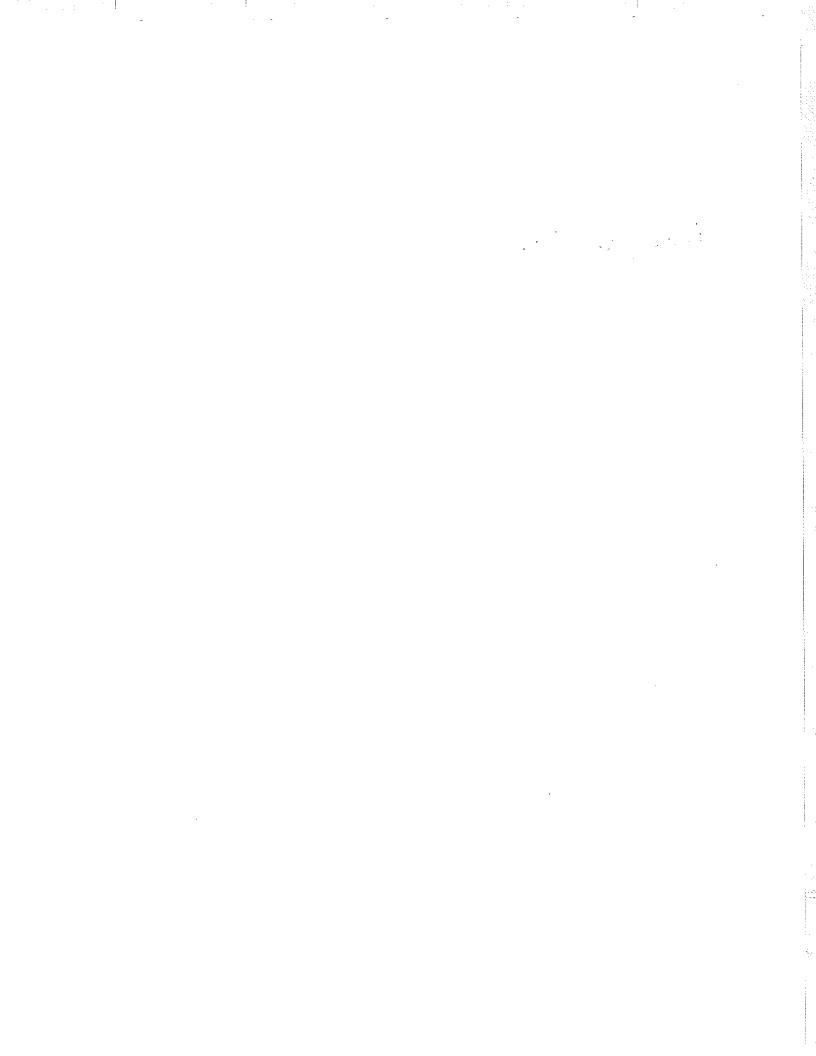
Motion; made by Mr. Woodill, seconded by Mr. Mott, to continue this hearing to the meeting on June 21st at 8pm. Unanimously voted 66 Bowker Street: Public Meeting w/ Comm. To discuss invasive species management on Conservation Land (cont.) • Chris Greeley has stated he plans to attend and bring information on invasive controls. I advised that he submit it electronically so you can review and continue the discussion to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion; made by Ms. Minihane, seconded by Mr. McMackin, to continue this hearing to the meeting on June 21st at 8pm. Unanimously voted VIOLATION DISCUSSIONS • 72 Ridge Hill Road – Violation of dumping in wetland on property owned by an elderly house bound resident. Reports by caretakers have not been put in writing. N. Hemingway is working with CoA to try to get this resolved by the Contractor John Johnson of Green Crew Landscaping. 211 Pleasant/Donovan Conservation Land – new owner identified, sending letter to set up a meeting re the fence on town land. ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS National Grid Main St 127 removal of tangle of dead storm damaged trees Grove St 767 removal of trees per MW and RW. These were reviewed with the Commission. AGENTS REPORT The Planning Board is holding a hearing on Wed, June 8th regarding the Main Street Preliminary Subdivision. I plan to attend to answer questions regarding the ORAD issued by the Commission. The Developer will not be present, Chris said a review meeting with the developer will be held at a later date. I will keep you posted. Damon Farms – Art Allen is inspecting for control of knotweed through the ZBA – reports are available electronically and will be available at the meeting as well. A site visit with Art Allen and the proponents is being scheduled. Monitoring reports for Wildcat, Winter and Washington St, and Curtis Farm Rd projects are also available. The Water Department has implemented an outdoor water restriction, copies of the notice are in your packets. SCIENCE AND REGULATION IN THE NEWS EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mass Audubon has increased their capacity to support forest land conservation and stewardship.

Add'l info on their website.

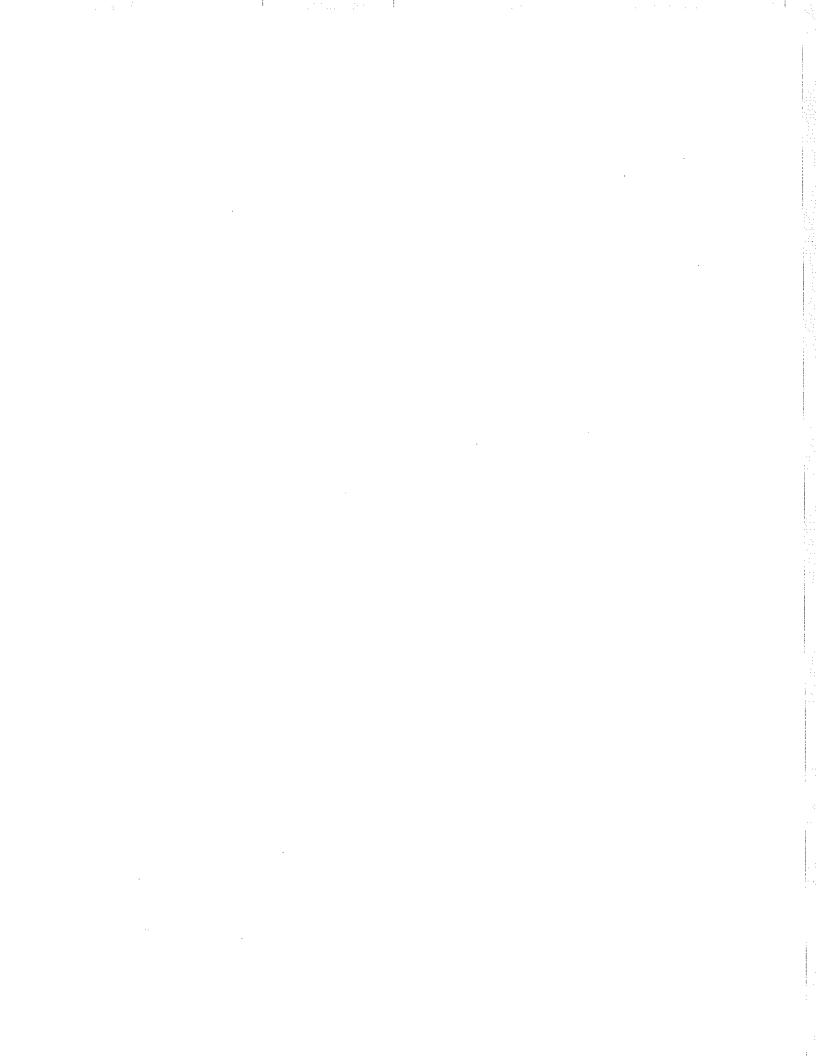
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