

WATERFORD VERMONT

WATERFORD SPRINGS

During the past year, one of the newer concepts in recreational facilities has been taking concrete form in Waterford. Didco, Inc., headed by Thomas B. Gannett, Jr., has purchased acreage on the river, and has begun the development of a year-round recreational community. As road systems improve and driving time from urban areas decreases, interest in weekend or vacation homes will continue to grow, and it seems likely that communities like Waterford Springs will become very popular.

60% of the acreage has been divided into house sites, varying in size from 1½ to 5 acres. A water supply is included in the price of each lot. Buyers of lots may employ their own architects if they prefer, but the plans of all buildings and the landscaping of property are subject to the approval of the Waterford Springs architectural committee.

The other 40% of the acreage will be kept as common land. Most of this will be woodland, and will be for the enjoyment of the home owners. Strips of common land will separate the privately owned lots, resulting in greater privacy and more beautiful surroundings.

Recreational facilities will include a club house and community center, docking areas for boats, safe swimming beaches, tennis courts, and bridle paths. The community is also ideally located for recreational activities outside its bounds, being within easy driving distances of the best known ski areas of the East and in the heart of good fishing and hunting country.

The cover picture, furnished by The Wheelocks, local realtors representing Didco, shows the view down river from the docking area near the club house at Waterford Springs. Comerford Dam can be seen in the distance.



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The development of Waterford Springs brings to mind the scarcely remembered settlement called Copenhagen. The Waterford Springs acreage begins at the mouth of the Cushman Brook, near the well-known 'fishing bridge', and extends down stream for some distance. Though Didco owns land back on the hill, the river frontage ends just above a long inlet where two brooks enter the river.

The two brooks originally joined and fell down a narrow valley into the river, and on the way they turned the wheels of Mulligan's sawmill. Nearby, partly in Waterford and partly in Barnet, were three or four houses and two or three farms. This was the hamlet of Copenhagen.

Why was it named thus? Were there people of Scandinavian origin there? Or were the inhabitants given to the use of a certain brand of snuff? The latter seems more likely. Who knows?

This little community faded away so long ago that there was little comment when the locality was submerged by the waters of the Comerford Reservoir after the completion of the dam in 1931. The flooding of Upper Waterford caused talk enough, but Copenhagen had been gone so long that little notice was taken of its final disappearance. But some day, somewhere, some old timer is going to refer to Waterford Springs as Copenhagen! Wait and see!

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