

# Questions for Expert Witness Richard Grover

## **1 Foundation**

### **1.1 Personal**

1. What is your name and current place of residence?

### **1.2 Education**

1. What is your educational history?

### **1.3 Professional experience**

1. What professional experience do you have in the area of Community Planning?
2. What professional experience do you have dealing with environmental issues?
3. Have you done any professional research concerning environmental issues?
4. What professional experience do you have in the area of landscape architecture?
5. How much of your professional experience as a landscape architect has dealt with natural landscaping?
6. Do you have any teaching experience?
7. What are your current titles and occupations?

### **1.4 Expert witness experience**

1. Have you ever served as an expert witness in a court of law?
2. Can you give a brief overview of the types of cases for which you served as an expert witness?

## **2 Expert Testimony**

### **2.1 Environment**

1. What are some of the landscaping practices that are typical of traditional landscaping in our region?
2. What effect do these traditional landscaping practices have on the environment?
3. Are native plant species usually present in a traditional landscape?

4. What is your opinion on the importance of native plant species to the environment?

## **2.2 Expression**

1. Is landscaping an art form?
2. Is landscaping a form of personal expression?
3. As a landscape architect, do you attempt to communicate with the landscapes that you design?
4. What kind of message is delivered by your landscape design?

## **2.3 Natural landscaping**

1. In your professional work as a landscaper, have you ever helped to cultivate a meadow?
2. Can you describe the outcome of this process?
3. Did grass make up part of the meadow ecosystem?
4. Does grass play a significant role in the natural meadow habitats of our region?
5. Have you been paid for your work in installing meadows?

## **2.4 The 10-inch rule**

1. Did the meadow grass you described earlier exceed 10 inches in height?
2. Would regular mowing be necessary to keep meadow grasses from exceeding 10 inches in height?
3. What effect would regular mowing have on a natural meadow ecosystem?

## **2.5 Aesthetic**

1. Have you, in your professional work as a landscape architect, encountered people who find tall grasses to be aesthetically pleasing?

## **2.6 Hazards**

1. Are any hazards created by the cultivation of tall grasses?
2. Would you describe tall grass in our region as a serious fire hazard for neighboring properties and structures?
3. Have you ever encountered a grass fire in our region that damaged a nearby structure?

## **2.7 Changing ideas**

1. In your work as a community planner, have you observed cultural or political changes in terms of how citizens and governments perceive natural landscaping?
2. Are you aware of any government documents that encourage the cultivation of natural landscapes or native plants?