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MEETING: Confirmed for 8pm Sunday, November 26, 1978 at my house in North Hampton, N.H.

The meeting is intended to get something accomplished, yet allow folks enough time to go home and get some rest before work on Monday. Therefore the meeting will be brief, to the point and businesslike. (Carole, I understand Eastern religions have a way of getting the rest they need on just 3 hours meditation. Perhaps you should become a hindu.)

I will be home all day so if you would like to come early to help tidy up, or just to relax and enjoy good company, please feel welcome. (Also I have been known to enjoy a good debate. If you would like to hash over ideas with me before the meeting sharts, I think I could find some enthusiasm for that.)

DRESS: Optional.

Patricia W. will be arriving early and has expressed a desire to eat something (understandable). If you would like to join her for dinner she would welcome your company. Please try to be here ready to eat by 5pm.

THE CHALLENGE; We face a beaut! There are many people who crossdress, and at least as many reasons for crossdressing. There are conservative people, exotic people, and people vulnerable to mood, guilt, fear, and finances. Some people want a place to hide, others want a place to grow, some want parties, others to just be left alone. To develop an active and effective social and service organization from this confusion seems somewhat absurd, yet here we are in the face of this absurdity and in the shadow and ashes of previous attempts, trying once again to do just that. However, this time we will succeed.

In order to achieve our goals we must first recognize and appreciate the right of each of us to be different, to be our own person. We must respect and accept that each of us has a different reason for dressing and different needs. We must allow people to seek their own company and their own way without inflicting our personal ideals, prejudices and private objectives upon them. We have no room for personality problems or unreasonable demands upon members. We have all the room in the world for friendship, understanding, and above all else, unselfish cooperation. Let us remember that as crossdressers we are special people, all members of the same unique family. Every member of that family is our sister, different, yet deserving our love and our understanding.

Ariadne expresses pessimism, Paula hopeful pessimism, Patricia optimism, and Carole and I as though the holy grail were around the corner. So whatever our private attitudes, let's get together and do what we have to do to get what needs to be done, done.

AGENDA: As you might expect, I have a few thoughts on how I think the meeting should go.

To better understand what can and should be done, where we are going and how we are going to get there, we should 1.) have a

brief discussion and analysis of the social and the service needs of crossdressers. Then we should 2.) establish long range goals, then 3.) short range goals, and 4.) what we are going to do to achieve these short range goals.

Since the analysis of needs has been discussed before, and the long range goals are a direction and not of immediate importance, let us concentrate the bulk of our effort on the short range goals and how we are going to achieve them. To establish what we are doing and why we are doing it; figure out where and how it is going to be done and who's going to do it.

Let's do it. See you 8pm Sunday, 11/26 at my place.

I LOVE YOU ALL!

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Just in case, another map.

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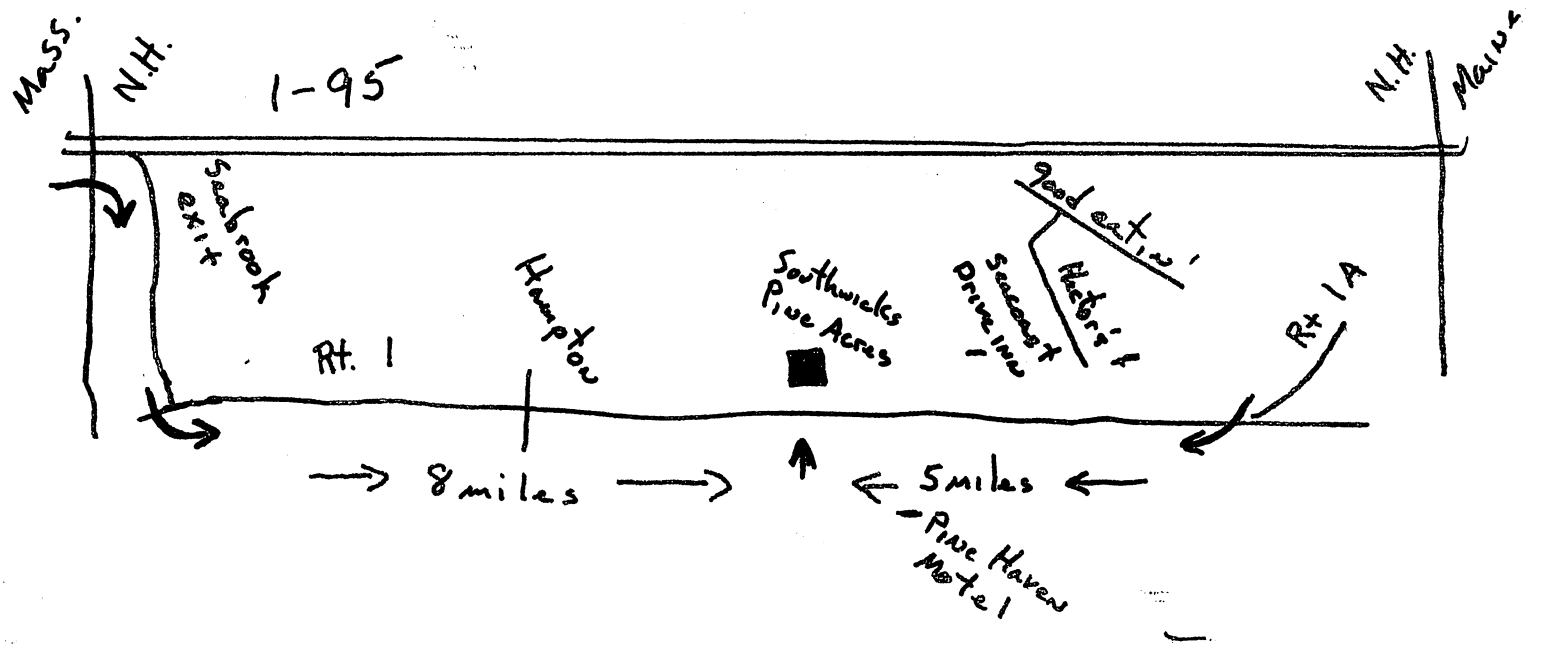

If no more space available at my house, tvs have stayed at Pine Haven ocean across the street.