

**MINUTES OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2002**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT

L. Tundermann  
E. Lukens  
N. Kiniry  
Stacey Lowe  
Shirlee Vito  
L. Holder  
H. Reid  
J. Brawerman @7:45 p.m.

ABSENT

S. Stoane  
J. Beatty  
K. Coley  
D. O'Brien  
J. Fortuna  
G. Rankin

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff  
W. Warner, PCD  
Director  
W. Corvo  
P. Armetta

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Acting Chairman Len Tundermann, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

However, Mr. Tundermann wanted Bill Warner to discuss the Plan of Conservation and Development.

B. Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Warner apologized for the delay in adopting the Plan of Conservation and Development. He discussed the new timetables and talked about new hearing schedules.

Mr. Warner reported that he is in receipt of the comments from the Conservation Commission dated November 22, 2000. The consultants Buckhurst and Fish have the changes and will be included.

Mr. Warner then reported on the map changes. State watershed lands around CVH was discussed.

Mr. Warner discussed the Maromas issue regarding open space designation. Mr. Warner explained why the land should remain zoned industrial.

Mr. Warner explained the hearing schedule based on certain chapters. The dates will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in February. (13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>).

Discussion ensued regarding the establishing of open space in the industrial zone.

The Rocky Road Realty piece was considered for open space and is currently zoned straight industrial. The Northeast Utility property zoned residential should also be included in the new open space property.

Staff will send out copies of the new draft of the Plan of Development when received.

#### Open Space Acquisition

William Warner discussed a proposed letter to Beth Varhue, DEP dated January 3, 2002. He read the letter and gave copies to the commission members.

Discussion ensued regarding the letter. E. Lukens requested that in the letter we ask DEP to consider the Wesleyan piece alone for acquisition.

Motion: Ask DEP to keep Wesleyan's aspect of the application pending and withdraw the Pierce property temporarily due to the appraisal discrepancies.

Moved by L. Holder\seconded by N. Kiniry

Approved unanimously

Motion: To authorize the Planning, Conservation and Development Office to seek an appropriation from the council to conduct 2 appraisals of the Wilcox property.

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by L. Holder

Approved unanimously

Mr. Warner reported that the idea to have the Mayor include a budget item for \$100,000 for open space acquisition should be considered.

Motion: That we endorse as a group the idea of adding a line item in the budget for \$100,000 due to us being a distressed municipality and communicate that to the Mayor and council members.

Moved by L. Holder\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

Bill Warner left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

F. New Business

Kleen Energy Systems Project

Mr. Beatty called L. Tundermann and requested that the Conservation Commission tonight develop comments for the Wetland Commission.

J. Sipperly reported on the Inland Wetland meeting that was and will be conducted.

Bill Corvo discussed the ERT request and other aspects of the project.

The Commission discussed issues and concerns raised by commission members present.

Len Tundermann wrote down and drafted the comments that were discussed tonight.

A list of concerns was developed and reviewed.

Motion: To send the Wetland Commission comments pertinent to the Kleen Energy Systems application

Moved by N. Kiniry\seconded by L. Holder

Vote was unanimous

Motion: To move the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Valentine's Day to February 7, 2002 for a Special Meeting

Moved by N. Kiniry\seconded by L. Holder

Approved unanimously

To suspend the agenda and adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by N. Kiniry