

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

January 9, 1997

PRESENT

A. Siniscalchi
K. Coley
M. Knight
J. Beatty
K. Humphrey
J. Czuba
D. Filer

ALSO PRESENT

L. Bowers
Al Maturo
Mike Maturo

ABSENT

L. Tundermann
J. Brawermann
M. DeRosier
E. Roberts
S. Stoane
E. Mandia
J. Fortuna

A. Chairman Alan Siniscalchi opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. in Room B-15 in the Municipal Building and conducted roll call.

A quorum was present.

Elections - Jonathan Beatty seconded by Katchen Coley made a motion to elect Alan Siniscalchi as Chairman, Earle Roberts as Vice Chairman and Linda Bowers as Secretary. All were in favor.

Jonathan Beatty seconded by Martin Knight made a motion to move to New Business. All were in favor.

E 1. Bikeways Presentation

Al Maturo, Chairman of Bikeways Advisory Committee made a presentation on the proposed River Road Linear Park.

Concerns discussed: boat launch location, handicapped accessibility.

Jonathan Beatty seconded by Kenneth Humphrey made a motion to endorse the linear park concept. All were in favor with Katchen Coley abstaining.

The meeting returned to the regular agenda

B. Minutes

1. November 14, 1996

John Czuba seconded by Kenneth Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 1996. All were in favor with Jonathan Beatty abstaining.

2. November 21, 1996

John Czuba seconded by Kenneth Humphrey made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Open Space Preservation Committee meeting of November 21, 1996. All were in favor of those present at the meeting.

3. December 12, 1996

John Czuba seconded by Kenneth Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 1996. All were in favor with Marty Knight, Alan Siniscalchi, Daniel Filer, Katchen Coley and Jonathan Beatty abstaining.

C. Officers and Committee Reports

1. Alan Siniscalchi would like to discuss a list of tasks and work projects at the February meeting.

Linda Bowers reported on:

- a. Tynan Park boundaries will be walked and marked soon. She will draft a response to issues raised by insurance company regarding development of hiking trail.
 - b. Several items have been requested for FY 97-98: Open Space Management Plans for CVH transferred land; Tynan barn feasibility study; Open Space brochure.
 - c. Middlesex Land Trust has received the Marino property on Mill Street and the N. Benson land on Lamentation Mountain.
 - d. Kim O'Rourke is working on setting up a composting demonstration area.
2. Open Space Preservation - Training site walk in December was postponed. It will be rescheduled soon.
3. Natural Resource Inventory - No report
4. City Commissions Liaison - Linda Bowers reported that Planning & Zoning will be holding a public hearing on the Tricon Industrial subdivision; and that the committee reviewed the proposed watershed protection regulations.
5. Park Liaison - None
6. CACIWC - Alan Siniscalchi reported that CACIWC is proposing a position paper on wetland training.
7. Mattabasset River Study - Linda Bowers reported that the organizational meetings are continuing.

D. Old Business

1. Reviewed Chapters 5 & 6 of the Conservation Commission Handbook

2. Destruction of trails

Alan Siniscalchi reports that it seems that administration and police would be interested in pursuing more intense prohibition of motorbikes. The commission will be pursuing this in the coming months.

3. Open Space Jurisdiction

Alan Siniscalchi reports that he has had discussions with various people about how to resolve open space maintenance.

Alan Siniscalchi also discussed open space tree care issues. He feels that a resolution can be reached with the Urban Forestry Commission.

F. Correspondence - None

G. Public Forum - None

H. Member Forum

1. Dan Filer suggested getting on a Comcast show to discuss conservation issues.

2. Katchen Coley reported that trash is accumulating at the Middletown Nature Gardens parking lot. Frank Rak needs to be notified for clean- up and the Police Department needs to monitor the parking lot.

Marty Knight seconded by John Czuba made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 P.M. All were in favor.

