

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**Regular Meeting of January 12, 2006**

PRESENT

Sheila Stoane  
Jerry Rankin  
Jim Fortuna  
Steven Ladd  
Katchen Coley  
Kate Miller  
Len Tundermann  
Ellen Lukens  
Nancy Kiniry

ABSENT

Mike Ennis  
David O'Brien  
Howard Reid  
Laura Hall  
Jane Brawerman

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Warner, Director of PC&D

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in Room 208 in the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

C. Public Forum

None

D. Minutes of December 8, 2005

Motion to approve minutes as corrected and amended was moved by Kate Miller and seconded by David O'Brien. Approved unanimously

E. Old Business

1. Trail Guides

Sheila Stoane explains addendum to trail guide to correct Blue Trail and new trails on Wilcox, CVH and Rizza properties.

2. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Kate Miller comments – Commission is very pleased on the discussion on the Eddinger Stone Post Gardens. Sheila Stoane read a letter from Eddinger. Katchen Coley agrees to write a letter on Forest Practices for February or March.

3. Open Space Status

4. Development of Guidelines for Landscaping Plans.

No discussion

5. Other

Sheila Stoane discussed needing reappointment. David O'Brien and Laura Hall in favor of reappointments. Gerald Rankin is not interested.

F. New Business

1. Wilcox property

Monies from sale of trees go into an Open Space account.

2. William Warner explains the Wesleyan piece of property.

Ellen Lukens comments on Helfant Property and strategy to buy land.

William Warner raises Graves property.

Kate Miller discusses Merriam property.

Committee suggests another meeting of Open Space Subcommittee.

Regular meeting moved to February 16<sup>th</sup>. Open Space Committee will meet prior to meeting at 6:00 p.m.

3. Katchen Coley explains appraisal requirements of DEP. Only 7 appraisers meet DEP requirements.

National Trails Day and CT Trails Day

CFP Walk, CT Program

William Warner explains Salafia Property to the Commission.

Site walk was scheduled at 1/12/06 at noon.

Nancy Kiniry moves to write letter to the Mayor asking to reappoint member. Len Tundermann seconds.

4. Wetland Regulation Change

Bill Warner explains change. Kate Miller comments on language and DEP. Discussion ensues. Members are generally supportive. Steven Ladd concerned about going beyond 100 feet. Committee votes on expansion from fifty (50) feet to one-hundred (100) feet. Steven Ladd and Nancy Kiniry are opposed while the rest of the committee vote favorably.

Kate Miller reads the second amendment to change definition of regulated activity.

Katchen Coley and Kate Miller move for approval. Approved unanimously.

The Commission discusses Wilcox plan and would like to determine the need for Forest Stewardship plans and revisit the Guida and Tynan plans.

G. Correspondence

H. Member Forum

I. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.