

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 30, 1989

PRESENT

Ellie Kelsey Nancy Kriz (Guest speaker from DEP)
Melanie Giamei
Ray Daniels
Peter Paton

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

No one from the public spoke.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the 12/19/89 meeting were read, and accepted.

TREASURY REPORT

Ellie Kelsey reported that Mayor Garafalo approved the \$1500 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

I. SUMNER BROOK BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT

The Commission discussed the status of the Sumner Brook Bridge Repair Project #IW-88-300. Ray Daniels and Peter Paton agreed to visit the site and make recommendations in an advisory capacity to the IW Commission. Peter Paton made a MOTION that the Conservation Commission join the IW Commission's petition for a Public Hearing. Ray Daniels seconded it, and the MOTION PASSED.

II. CONSERVATION COMMISSION BROCHURE

Sample brochures from other towns were examined and discussed to determine what we would like to do to inform the public of the purpose, goals and responsibilities of the Middletown Conservation Commission. Costs and priorities need to be considered.

III. RAVINE PARK

Melanie Giamei read the Conservation Commission's comments on Ravine Park presented at the IW Commission meeting of 1/4/89. (Refer to CC tapes of 1/30/89 meeting on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

NEW BUSINESS

I. NORTHERN MIDDLESEX LAND TRUST PRESERVATION

Susan Cooley, President of the Northern Middlesex Land Trust will be invited to speak on Preservation of Open Space at our next meeting.

II. EQUITY IN HOUSING APPLICATION

Marvin Farbman's Equity In Housing application will go before the Inland Wetlands Commission on Feb.1, 1989. The application was discussed and the following recommendations were made:

1. Adherence to the IW regulation regarding the 50' limit of buildings and parking lots outside the wetlands.
2. Installation and maintenance of oil and grit separators.
3. Physical barriers to establish at the setback of the wetlands with no heavy machinery being allowed beyond the barrier.
4. Erosion and sedimentation fence be properly installed & maintained.
5. Reduce the size of the development to stay out of the wetland setback.

III. MEETING SCHEDULE

The Conservation Commission will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm, in City Hall. Notice of the meetings will be posted in the Town Clerk's Office. Our next meeting is 2/27/89.

IV. NANCY KRIZ--DEP SPEAKER

Nancy Kriz of the DEP spoke to the Commission on the role and responsibilities of a Conservation Commission. Topics ranged from grants, legislation, mapping and open space to resources, contact people, and agencies in the field.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Melanie P. Giamei
Melanie P. Giamei, Secretary