

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

February 11, 1999

PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

ABSENT

K. Coley
J. Fortuna
Siniscalchi
Humphrey
L. Tundermann
E. Lukens
J. Brawerman @ 7:45 p.m.

J. Sipperly
Matt Zimmitti

M. DeRosier
S. Stoane
J. Marhevka

A. Call to order

Chairman A. Siniscalchi called the meeting to order at 7:15. The roll was called and a quorum was established. Everyone is a voting member.

B. Election of Officers

A. Siniscalchi stated that the officers are Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

The Chairman opened the floor to nominations.

Discussions ensued regarding previous election protocols.

Katchen Coley moved Len Tundermann as Chairman and it was seconded by Ellen Lukens.

Jim Fortuna moved Jim Sipperly as Secretary and it was seconded by Ken Humphrey.

Ellen Lukens moved Alan Siniscalchi as Vice-Chairman and it was seconded by James Fortuna.

Jim Fortuna moved nominations be closed; seconded by Ellen Lukens; approved unanimously

Katchen Coley moved to accept the slate as proposed and it was seconded by James Fortuna.

approved unanimously, with A. Siniscalchi abstaining.

Alan Siniscalchi left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

E. Old Business

Len Tundermann assumed the Chairmanship

Ellen Lukens moved to go into executive session to discuss the Open Space Parcels @ 7:46 p.m.

seconded by Jim Fortuna; approved unanimously

The Commission came out of executive session @ 8:09 p.m.

Motion: To recommend to the Commission that Parcel 2 be recommended to be purchased as open space.

Moved by Katchen Coley

seconded by Ken Humphrey; approved unanimously

Trap Rock Ridge workshop will be arranged in March. Mr. Branse is willing to host the workshop and has reduced his fee.

F. New Business

1. Open Space Workshop

Mr. Sipperly discussed the workshop format.

The meeting will be on February 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Chris Modisette from the New England Forest Consortium will speak. Dave Sutherland from the Nature Conservancy, Bill Warner and Mr. Sipperly will speak on the economic effects on Middletown. Specifically Mr. Warner and Mr. Sipperly will use the methodology from the forest consortium and apply it to Middletown. A question and answer period will follow.

Discussion ensued regarding aspects of the meeting.

G. Correspondence

An invasive plant symposium will be held at Wesleyan on March 17th. Anyone interested can call Jim Sipperly.

H. Public Forum – No one appeared from the public.

I. Member Forum – no member forum

J. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna, seconded by E. Lukens; approved unanimously