

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**February 13, 1997**

PRESENT

K. Humphrey  
M. Knight  
K. Coley  
J. Beatty  
S. Stoane  
J. Czuba, Jr.  
J. Fortuna  
A. Siniscalchi

ALSO PRESENT

L. Bowers

ABSENT

L. Tundermann  
J. Brawermann  
M. DeRosier  
E. Roberts  
D. Filer

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.

B. Minutes

1. January 2, 1997 City Commission Liaison Subcommittee Meeting

James Fortuna seconded by John Czuba, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 1997 of the City Commission Liaison Subcommittee Meeting. All were in favor with Sheila Stoane, Kenneth Humphrey and Alan Siniscalchi abstaining.

2. January 9, 1997 Regular Meeting

Martin Knight seconded by Kenneth Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 1997 Regular Meeting. All were in favor with Sheila Stoane, and James Fortuna abstaining.

C. Officer's and Committee Reports

1. Alan Siniscalchi asked for volunteers to develop a brochure. Sheila Stoane and Katchen Coley volunteered to start on something.

Linda Bowers reported that the Alternative Incarceration Center has offered bluebird houses to the City. They will need posts and a volunteer to locate them.

2. Open Space Preservation - Alan Siniscalchi will arrange a date for a training session.

Kenneth Humphrey spoke about the open space liability issue which is being addressed at the State Legislature.

Jonathan Beatty seconded by Sheila Stoane made a motion to ask the Secretary to send a letter to the state legislators in support of the concept of reform legislation for limited liability. All were in favor.

Kenneth Humphrey will ask the Common Council to also support this reform.

### 3. Natural Resources Inventory

Katchen Coley seconded by Kenneth Humphrey made a motion to sponsor guided walks at Newfield Meadows on 4\5 & 4\12. All were in favor.

4. City Commissions Liaison - Planning & Zoning Public Hearing on the Tricon Subdivision is continued until February 26, 1997.

5. Park Liaison Committee - no report

6. CACIWC - Alan Siniscalchi reported that CACIWC is working on workshops about new wetland legislation.

7. Mattabasset River Study - Linda Bowers reported that the Association will be incorporating this spring and will celebrate with its 1st Annual meeting which will include a clean-up, etc.

### D. Old Business

1. Discussed Conservation Commission Handbook Chapters 7 & 8

Relationships with other groups and publicity and funding.

They mentioned the possibility of fund-raising events especially for Conservation Commission.

2. Destruction of trails due to off road vehicles.

The Commission is interested in pursuing this subject. Alan Siniscalchi hopes to have an ordinance drafted by the March meeting.

3. Open Space Jurisdiction - no meeting has yet been arranged but Alan Siniscalchi is working on it.

#### 4. Ridgetop Protection

Katchen Coley summarized the workshop that was held on this topic and the enabling legislation.

#### E. New Business

Alan Siniscalchi has been speaking to Earth Day Coordinating Committee about an event at the Long Hill Estate on April 26, 1997 and with Wesleyan's Environmental Club.

Katchen Coley seconded by Sheila Stoane made a motion to endorse and ask the Chair to work with the Friends of Long Hill Estate. All were in favor.

#### F. Correspondence

Linda Bowers reported on the memo to Park & Recreation on Blue Blaze Trail issues and letter to the Land Trust about updating committed Open Space parcel map.

#### G. Public Forum - No one spoke

#### H. Member Forum

Katchen Coley spoke about Meriden Magnet school site, and issue of wetland encroachment.

Kenneth Humphrey spoke about the River's Alliance concern with liability and deregulation of electric utilities.

Katchen Coley spoke about the March 18, 1997 seminar at Yale University on water quality issues.

Alan Siniscalchi reported that Middlefield Conservation Commission is asking Conservation Commission members to attend a February 19th meeting about common issues.

#### I. Adjournment

James Fortuna seconded by John Czuba, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor.