

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**March 12, 1998**

PRESENT

M. DeRosier  
J. Fortuna  
D. Filer  
K. Coley  
L. Tundermann  
ASiniscalchi

ALSO PRESENT

James Sipperly,  
Environmental Planner

ABSENT

J. Beatty  
S. Stoane  
K. Humphrey  
D. Filer  
E. Lukens  
J. Brawerman

A. Chairman Alan Siniscalchi called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in room 208 in the Municipal Building.

The roll was called and a quorum was not determined.

The following notes of the informal meeting were recorded by James Sipperly, Secretary, and are for informational purposes only.

Len Tundermann reported on the presentation he made to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Newfield Street on March 4, 1998.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has incorporated Mr. Tundermann's comments and concerns in their report.

The joint meeting has not been scheduled with Park and Recreation as of yet. Park and Recreation meets tonight also.

The Conservation Commission would like to form an ad-hoc committee to work on the brochure.

2. Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulations will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for April as requested. Mr. Tundermann stated that Geoff Colegrove from Midstate gave him a copy of Durham's regulations based on Tom Byrne's model. Mr. Sipperly will get a copy.

3. Photo Contest

Mr. Sipperly has made arrangements with Russell Library for displaying the photo's in July and they offered to host the awards ceremony. Enough prizes have been collected.

#### 4. Newfield Street Corridor Committee

Mr. Sipperly distributed a copy of the Newfield Street corridor study incorporating some of this Commission's comments. Please review it for additional comments.

#### 5. Middletown Nature Gardens

Mr. Sipperly reported that he contacted the City Attorney's office for clarification of what is required. K. Coley and J. Sipperly will inspect the Nature Gardens for compliance of the erosion agreement.

#### F. New Business - None

#### Arbor Day\Earth Day

The Urban Forestry Commission for, for Arbor Day, is planting a tree on April 25, 1998 for Linda Bowers and Fritz deBoer. A. Siniscalchi is planning a hike with Meriden Conservation Commission. Also on April 22, 1998 on Earth Day. There will be a signing of the Metacomet Ridge Compact.

3. Wesleyan students are interested in volunteering to clean up a trail or something similar. A suggestion was to look at Crystal Lake, Hubbard Farms, and Tynan Park.

#### 2. Ordinance study Committee from Wes Downing.

Multi-Use Trails restrictions for times of use for Parks and open spaces are in conflict.

A. Siniscalchi mentioned the age requirements are not that well prepared.

M. DeRosier would like to copy this and send it to the schools.

#### Member Forum

Mr. Tundermann had questions about open space management plans.

Discussion ensued regarding the Youth Conservation Corp and future use of that group.

Discussion ensued regarding the CVH land to be dedicated as open space to the City of Middletown, and why was it put on hold. A number of people are exploring this issue.

Meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.



