

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
March 14, 1991  
Minutes

PRESENT

R. Klattenberg, Chairman  
M. Giamei  
C. Harris  
K. Coley  
E. Kelsey  
E. Patton  
L. Tundermann (arrived 8:20)  
T. Christopher (arrived 7:37)

ABSENT

A. Siniscalchi  
G. Russo  
J. Chace  
C. Peterson  
J. Brawerman

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by R. Klattenberg, Chairman, at 7:12 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building. Alternate member E. Patton was seated as a voting member. M. Giamei was made Acting Secretary.

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February 21, 1991 - a motion was made by E. Kelsey, seconded by C. Harris, to approve the minutes, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairman - R. Klattenberg provided an update on the status of the Conservation Commission budget with regard to the hiring of an Environmental Manager. He also noted the Habitat article written by Commissioners A. Siniscalchi and J. Brawerman and the resignations of SCS Joyce Scheyer and Middletown Recycling Coordinator Sue Ellen Mele.

Natural Resource Inventory - J. Brawerman and R. Klattenberg met with G. Reif on the south Middletown map study with the Midstate Regional Planning Agency.

City Commissions liaison - no report.

Open Space Preservation - no report.

Planning & Zoning Text Amendment - no report.

Lamentation Mountain Tri-Town Meeting - R. Klattenberg reported that plans are complete for the meeting scheduled for March 19, 1991 at the Connecticut Forest & Parks Association in Middletown.

Old Business

City of Middletown/McCutcheon Park - because L. Tundermann had not yet arrived, a motion was made by E. Kelsey, seconded by E. Patton, to return to this item on the agenda. Vote was unanimous.

Dennison Park - K. Coley will contact Bruce Spaman and report to R. Klattenberg.

DEP/DOT Enforcement Issues - it was reported that L. Tundermann contacted the Zoning Enforcement Office G. Lapadula with regard to DEP/DOT enforcement issues.

Open Space Retention/Detention Basin Position Statement - the Commission reviewed a position statement on the use of retention/detention basins for open space. The focus was on existing City of Middletown Subdivision Regulations and State Erosion Control Guidelines.

T. Christopher arrived at 7:37 p.m.

L. Tundermann arrived at 8:20 p.m.

M. Giamei made a motion, seconded by C. Harris, to table the item until the next regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously (abstain: L. Tundermann).

Motion was made, duly seconded, and passed to return in the agenda to Item 1. and 3. of Old Business.

Old Business

City of Middletown/McCutcheon Park - L. Tundermann reported on three basic issues from the McCutcheon Park application before the Inland Wetlands Agency. Those items included the proposed liner in Crystal Lake, the parking lot plan and the Little League field fencing.

A motion was made by M. Giamei, seconded by C. Harris, that the Conservation Commission should put the Inland Wetlands Agency on notice of these three concerns: the proposed line, the parking lot plan and the Little League field fencing. In addition, L. Tundermann and/or R. Klattenberg have the authority to raise these concerns verbally at the McCutcheon Park Commission meeting on March 20, 1991. And further, that they notify Wes Downing, Maguire Group and the Inland Wetlands Agency, requesting a site visit on Saturday, March 23, 1991. Motion passed unanimously.

DEP/DOT Enforcement Issues

L. Tundermann reported that Zoning Enforcement Officer G. Lapadula stated that the DOT now includes the City in area construction meetings and their relationship has improved. He also said that he will come to the April Commission meeting.

New Business

R. Klattenberg announced that the City's Planning & Zoning Subdivision Regulations are being updated and ideas and suggestions concerning environmental impacts need to be forthcoming.

Correspondence

The Habitat - Notice was made of the recent copy of the Habitat containing an article by Commissioner's Brawerman and Siniscalchi.

Public Forum - None

Member Forum

K. Coley announced that the Rockfall Symposium will be held on March 26, 1991. She also requested the Commissioner's support on a variety of environmental acts and budgets, including the National Heritage Trust Act and the State Open Space Grant.

E. Kelsey asked Commissioners to support the retention of a State Beekeeper.

R. Klattenberg sought support to keep the Middletown Vocational Agricultural Program in tact.

Support is needed to defeat an Inland Wetlands Bill No. 707 regarding Public Hearing on DOT projects.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. made by M. Giamei, seconded by L. Tundermann, was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie P. Giamei  
Acting Secretary

MPG/bds

APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_