

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

April 8, 1999

PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

ABSENT

L. Tundermann
K. Humphrey
M. DeRosier
Stoane
J. Beatty
E. Lukens
K. Coley

J. Sipperly
Tammy Krumm
Mark Purcell
Larry Buck
Jim Tighe

J. Marhevka
M. Zimmitti

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A. Call to order

Chairman Len Tundermann called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., March 11, 1999, in Room 208 of the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

B. Minutes of March 11, 1999

Marie DeRosier would like the minutes to reflect her comments on the election process. She stated that she was not happy with the way the nominations occurred and stated that she would not like to see something like that happen again.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended above.

Moved by M. DeRosier\seconded by E. Lukens; approved unanimously with J. Beatty and S. Stoane abstaining.

C. Officer and Committee Reports

L. Tundermann distributed a handout for commission members to choose what subcommittee they would serve on. It will be distributed at the next meeting.

D. Old Business

1. Conservation Commission Open Space Brochure

E. Lukens, J. Sipperly, S. Stoane and L. Tundermann visited the Niantic Prison Print Shop and discussed with the print shop director the possible format of the brochure. Examples were shown and discussed that that would be an option. The prison can provide all typesetting and technical support. The city has to provide only the paper to be used. E. Lukens will go over the material collected thus far to determine what is missing.

2. Trap Rock Ridge Workshop

Mr. Sipperly has spoken to Lee Osborne and would agree to a workshop. The meeting should be conducted an hour before a Planning and Zoning regular meeting.

Mr. Sipperly will send a memo to Planning and Zoning to find out what issues the workshop should concentrate on.

3. Open Space Acquisition

Motion: To go into executive session pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)4 of the C.G.S. to discuss open space parcels and acquisition.

Moved by M. DeRosier; seconded by J. Fortuna; unanimously approved

Motion: To adjourn the executive session

Moved by E. Lukens; seconded by M. D. Rosier, vote unanimously

No motions were made in executive session.

4. Committee assignments and activities

Mr. Sipperly will distribute the list at the next meeting.

5. CT Trails Day

The City of Middletown will again participate in CT Trails Day. Mr. Sipperly and Marcie Klattenberg are working on it. CT Trails Day is June 5, 1999 and the hike will be conducted at Guida Farms. The Conservation Commission is listed in the CFPA publication as the sponsor. It was suggested that this event be added to the web page and possibly be televised on the radio and ComCast cable. Mr. Sipperly will contact the newspapers to do an article before Trails Day.

6. Earth Day

Mr. Sipperly and Kim O'Rourke will be hosting a booth at Pratt and Whitney on Earth Day. A brochure about the commission is being worked on by Matt Zimmitti to be handed out on Earth Day. A compost bin will be raffled off.

7. Other

8. Fee's in Lieu of Open Space

Mr. Sipperly and Bill Warner have discussed the need to revisit this issue. Mr. Sipperly explained the concept and will send information out at the next mailing for the agenda.

A workshop was scheduled for April 15, 1999 at 5:00 for the Open Space Subcommittee to discuss the state grant application.

E. Correspondence

Mr. Sipperly distributed a memo from Bill Warner on the merger of the Municipal Development office and Planning & Zoning.

A letter from the Land Conservation Coalition for CT was distributed.

F. Public Forum

Tammy Krumm a concerned citizen who lives in Middletown attended the meeting and would like to get more involved.

Mark Purcell a teacher who lives near the Nature Gardens attended the meeting and stated he would like to volunteer to maintain the educational display boxes at the Nature Gardens. A discussion ensued regarding how this should be conducted.

Larry Buck spoke at length regarding the Lamentation Mountain Plan. He also spoke of the condition of Stantack Road.

Jim Tighe also spoke of his property off Stantack Road.

G. Member Forum

None

H. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

moved by M. DeRosier, seconded by S. Stoane

approved unanimously