

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

MAY 14, 1998

PRESENT

E. Lukens
K. Coley
J. Fortuna
A. Siniscalchi
K. Humphrey
S. Stoane
L. Tundermann
M. DeRosier
J. Beatty

ALSO PRESENT

James Sipperly,
Environmental Planner
Martin Knight
Arlene Rich
Mark Quatro
Robert Fusari

ABSENT

Jane Brawerman
Dan Filer
James Marhevka

A. Chairman Alan Siniscalchi called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. in room 208 in the Municipal Building.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

Mr. Fortuna may vote tonight as a full member

B. Minutes of April 9, 1998

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by J. Fortuna/ seconded by K. Coley; approved unanimously with K. Humphrey, Len Tundermann, J. Beatty abstaining

C. Officers Report

Chairman Siniscalchi reported that the Guida Open Space Timber Harvest Walk with the Urban Forestry Commission went well. This is a Pilot Project and the UFC is looking forward to working on joint projects with the Conservation Commission.

D. Committee Reports

S. Stoane reported that she met with Park and Recreation staff regarding the Open Space Brochure.

Park and Rec staff indicated that several additional properties should be added to the brochure. S. Stoane will need people to conduct surveys of the parcels. Mr. Sipperly and S. Stoane will visit the person who agreed to print the brochure.

E. New Business

Trap Rock Ridge protection Regulations

Mr. Sipperly reported that a Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for June 10, 1998. He will distribute flyers on behalf of the commission. L. Tunderman mentioned that he would like to gain support from other organizations. Mr. Sipperly suggested that the special meeting be held before the June 10 meeting and the next regularly scheduled meeting is June 11.

Motion: To reschedule the June 11 meeting to June 4 in order to formulate comments to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by J. Beaty/seconded by K. Coley approved unanimously.

K. Coley mentioned that Governor Rowland, on Monday of next week, will sign the Open Space Bill at Hurd Park in Haddam.

Motion: to move Pin Oaks to last on the agenda.

Moved by J. Fortuna/ seconded by K. Coley approved unanimously

F. Old Business

1. Photo Contest

Mr. Sipperly stated that everything is all set for the July photo exhibit at the Russell Library. In July we will have to decide a time and date for the awards ceremony.

2. Letter to Frank Rak

A letter was sent to Frank Rak regarding the remaining work to be done. In lieu of putting in a phone or alarm he will donate that portion of his bond to the commission for use as maintenance of the park.

Motion: That we waive the stipulations that did not come from the commission in the first place, that there be a phone installed in Middletown Nature Gardens, and he has agreed to give us the unused balance of the escrow which was intended for the phone installation.

Moved by K. Coley/ seconded by J. Beaty approved unanimously with J. Fortuny abstaining.

3. Grading Regulations

These will be formally submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for adoption soon. Mr. Sipperly reviewed regulations from other towns and crafted the current draft.

4. Mattabeset Trolley River Line

A meeting was conducted with the Mayor and Mr. Warner was given the authorization to move ahead. The commission supports and endorses the proposal and looks forward to assist in the trails development.

5. Development of Maromas Area

Mr. Siniscalchi stated he would bring some information on this issue to the next meeting.

6. Guida Timber Harvest Walk

The joint meeting and walk with the Urban Forestry Meeting went very well

Motion: To encourage Bruce Spaman to continue marking trees and have him contact us when he is finished. Moved by K. Coley; seconded by M. DeRosier; approved unanimously.

Proposed Golf Course Presentation

AlanSiniscalchi excused himself at 7:46 pm as did J. Beatly due to a conflict of interest.

Len Tunderman assumed the chair

Mark Quatro and Robert Fusari discussed in detail the proposal,
Questions and answer period followed.

The public hearing for wetlands is June 3, 1998

L. Tunderman left at 8:15pm

Motion: To adjourn at 8:45pm moved by K. Humphrey/seconded by K. Coley approved unanimously.