

**MINUTES OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2002**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT

L. Tundermann  
G. Rankin  
J. Beatty  
S. Stoane  
K. Coley  
J. Brawerman

ABSENT

N. Kiniry  
D. O'Brien  
H. Reid  
J. Fortuna  
L. Holder  
E. Lukens

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

S. Stoane, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. in Room 208, in the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Minutes

Minutes of March 14, 2002 were reviewed by the Commission.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended

Moved by G. Rankin\seconded by J. Beatty

Approved unanimously with J. Brawerman abstaining

C. Officers and Committee Reports

Jim's report in writing, DEP properties and wetland and Planning & Zoning issues.

The Chairman has no report.

Vice Chairman regrets that Jonathan Beatty is leaving.

## Committee Reports

J. Beatty discussed the wetland agenda items. He stated that when the Plan of Conservation and Development is reviewed the environmentally large sensitive subdivision should be re-reviewed. Look at the definition. Possibly cluster subdivision should also be reviewed. What triggers either or choice for subdivision method. This should be dealt with in the Planning and Zoning regulations. Should wetlands be included in the open space calculations? Ideally there should be some ratio.

Mr. Sipperly reported on the Brock family farm stand approval and appeal to P & Z. An article was distributed. L. Tundermann would like to take a position legally in supporting this application and court case.

### D. Old Business

#### 1. Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Sipperly stated that the hearings will be conducted in June. The copies will be submitted soon. Mr. Sipperly will copy the chapters on housing, open space, Park and Recreation, natural resources and land use.

#### 2. The Mattabasset Management Plan

Paul Woodworth met with Mr. Sipperly and a committee will be set up. Members from existing commissions will make up the Planning Committee to implement the Mattabasset Plan.

#### 3. I-3 Zone Uses

The P & Z has not developed the Maromas land use regulations. Motion: To send a letter by the chair asking to take this important item up as soon as possible.

Moved by L. Tundermann\seconded by G. Rankin

Approved unanimously

#### 4. Trail Corridor (MXCC)

Mr. Sipperly and S. Stoane reported that a matrix was developed by Beth Lapin. Missing pieces are being filled in.

#### 5. Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulations

Mr. Sipperly will mail copies to the members. After the regs are mailed a committee board will be formed to address this item.

## 6. Public Relations

L. Tundermann stated that this commission needs more exposure in the press and to keep items in the public eye. Perhaps a monthly column. Mr. Sipperly will talk to Bob Varnon. The commission needs to commit to writing articles for the paper. The Hartford Courant will be contacted also. The Conservation Corner.

### E. New Business

#### 1. Earth Day Celebration

The Environment Summit was discussed.

#### 2. Farm Report

Dave O'Brien is not present tonight

### F. Public Forum

No one from the public is in attendance

### G. Correspondence

1. Rockfall Meeting, May 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Army Corp dredging, depositing silt Long Island Sound
3. CACIWAC Newsletter
4. Soil & Erosion Control Guidelines 2002

### H. Member Forum

K. Coley received an email from the CT Invasive Plant working group.

A program is next fall at Session woods, Burlington for Invasive plants in Public Landscapes.

Send out to Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency and the Conservation Commission

Demonstration Project for a non-invasive species site in Ravine Park near nature park.

Northeast Utility Lands Raul Beauregard will manage the lands to be sold. Northeast Utilities turned a list into DEP for lands in each town. Alan Williams will do this for DEP. DEP will show parcels they want, the ones they are interested in the future. Then this plan will go to towns and Land Trusts.

## Member Forum

Jane Brawerman pledge to support CT environmental laws looking for organizations to pledge support.

Motion: To send in a pledge to do this, J. Brawerman\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously. The form will be filled out by the Chair.

Conservation District having a realtor workshop and passed out a flyer.

Discussion ensued on changing the time to start the meetings back to 7:00. This will be put on the next agenda.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by J. Beatty, seconded by G. Rankin

Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:13