

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2000

PRESENT

S. Stoane.
J. Fortuna
K. Humphrey
L. Tundermann
K. Coley
J. Brawerman
L. Holder
M. Graves, Student liason

ABSENT

A. Siniscalchi
K. Porter
E. Lukens
J. Beatty
J. Marhevka

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff
Arline Rich

A. Call to order

S. Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

Liz Holder was seated for Jon Beatty

Motion: To move item D.5 (Open Space Acquisition Grant Program) to this part of the agenda.

Moved by K. Coley\seconded by L. Holder

approved unanimously

Motion: To go into executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Moved by K. Coley

Seconded by J. Fortuna

Approved unanimously

Motion: To come out of executive session at 7:25

Moved by L. Holder/seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously

S. Stoane reported that the Open Space Subcommittee has recommendations for Open Space Acquisition after reviewing properties pursuant to the established criteria. She explained the process and described the properties accordingly. Much discussion ensued.

The following motions were made in executive session.

Motion: That the Commission endorse the three choices for the DEP open space grant being in order of preference Vernlund\Savage, Rizza and Helfant property.

Moved by K. Coley; seconded by L. Holder

Approved unanimously with L. Tundermann and J. Fortuna abstaining

Discussion ensued regarding the Peterson Oil property and the DEP state grant for public water access.

Motion: That the Commission endorse the application for water property access along the Connecticut River and apply for the Northeast Utilities funding to purchase the Peterson Oil site.

B. Minutes

Regular Meeting of March 9, 2000

Minutes were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the Minutes as presented

Moved by J. Fortuna\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously with L. Tundermann abstaining.

L. Holder left at 7:30 p.m.; J. Brawerman left at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes of Open Space Subcommittee were tabled.

C. Officers and Committee Reports

S. Stoane reported that 2 members, (A. Siniscalchi and L. Tundermann) terms have expired. The Mayor's Office will be reappointing them and this appointment policy needs to be better coordinated. Staff will look into this situation.

D. Old Business

1.) Open Space Subcommittee Report

This item was rolled into agenda D.5

2.) Earth Day, Hike 2000

Much discussion ensued. This Saturday is not good for anyone to lead a hike. A suggestion was made to ask Gerry Rankin the CFPA volunteer to lead a hike at Tynan. Staff will follow up on this.

3. Open Space Brochure

The text is being drafted and once the open space grants are filed this will become the next priority.

4. Plan of Conservation and Development

J. Sipperly reported that Paul Buckhurst has received information from some members of the Conservation Commission and the general public. The open space map is being revised for appropriate changes to link areas together and extend the proposed acquisition areas to the property lines; in certain areas accordingly.

E. New Business

Mr. Sipperly reported that NEAT is working on a community garden which would be a good project for the Conservation Commission to become involved in. Mr. Sipperly will continue to assist the NEAT program under the auspices of the Conservation Commission.

1. Membership Issues

This item was already discussed.

F. Correspondence

Various correspondences were received.

G. Public Forum

No one appeared before the Commission

H. Member Forum

No one spoke under member forum.

I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously