

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF
Regular Meeting of April 20, 2006

PRESENT

Sheila Stoane
Mike Ennis
Kate Miller
David O'Brien
Nancy Kiniry
Katchen Coley
Jim Fortuna
Howard Reid

Ellen Lukens
Steven Ladd

ABSENT

Jane Brawerman
Nancy Kiniry
Len Tundermann

OTHERS PRESENT

William Warner, Director

A. Call to Order

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Room 208 in the Municipal Building.

B. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was determined. First order of business was to change the time of meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm beginning on May 11, 2006.

C. Adam Moore of CT Park & Forest Association (invited speaker) made a presentation on trail maintenance and projects in Middletown which included Long Hill, Lamentation Mountain, Higby, Maromas, and Walk CT Program. Lengthy discussion ensued. The Merrian property and Camp property were also discussed.

D. Minutes of March 11, 2006

Motion to approve minutes was moved by Michael Ennis and seconded by Howard Reid. Approved unanimously.

E. Open Space Committee

No discussion

F. Public Forum

No discussion

G. Old Business

Open Space Signs

After discussion the commission supported the use of \$3,000 of open space monies for signs for the following:

- Wilcox Property
- Daniel Swartzkopf
- McCutcheon Park (in park & Margarite Road)
- Smith Park Trail

H. New Business

1. Wilcox property

William Warner explained the need for concrete blocks. The cost is \$125.00 per block. A motion to use the Conservation Commission and other monies for the blocks and new signage for open space parcels was moved by David O'Brien and seconded by Kate Miller. Approved unanimously.

2. Flemming Open Space Grant

Ellen Lukens spoke in support of the acquisition with the Department of Environmental Protection match or outright purchase of property at \$60,000. Motion to approve was moved by Ellen Lukens and seconded by David O'Brien. Approved unanimously.

3. Salafia Open Space Grant

a. William Warner explained the grant and the commission decided that the Conservation Commission will purchase but will not pursue DEP grant.

b. Sumner Brook: Ellen Lukens explains potential workshop as in the past and invite NRCS. Motion to have workshop was moved by Michael Ennis and seconded by Katchen Coley. Approved unanimously.

c. The Committee wants to investigate buying the Merriam property.

4. Maromas Northeast Utilities property. State acquisition

William Warner explained the potential of acquisition by the state. Motion to accept was moved by Ellen Lukens and seconded by Katchen Coley.

5. Plan of Development Study

William Warner explains.

6. Coginchaug Watershed Study

The Commission recommends Jane Brawerman for membership.

7. CVH information meeting. CVH land will be discussed.

8. Project Green Lawn Program

Kate Miller explains requests for \$200.00 for poster for Project Green Lawn. Moved for approval to use city funds to buy posters was moved by Ellen Lukens and seconded by Howard Reid.

I. Correspondence

J. Member Forum

Commission review on Bone Hill Farm.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Approved unanimously.