

**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2002**

MINUTES

PRESENT

E. Lukens
D. O'Brien
H. Reid
S. Lowe, Student liaison
G. Rankin
K. Coley
L. Holder
J. Brawerman @ 7:42 p.m.
S. Stoane, Chair

ABSENT

N. Kiniry
L. Tundermann
J. Fortuna

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

S. Stoane, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:39 P.M. in Room 208, in the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Minutes

Minutes of April 11, 2002 were reviewed in detail. Changes are that Paul DeBeauregard is not Beauregard on page 3.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended

K. Coley moved, G. Rankin seconded

Approved unanimously with H. Reid, D. O'Brien and E. Lukens abstaining.

C. Committee Reports

Motion: Move the Plan of Conservation and Development last on the agenda

Moved by L. Holder, seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

D. The Mattabasset Management Plan

2. J. Brawerman reported on the process here. Mr. Sipperly reported that a staff person Paul Woodworth was hired to help Cromwell and Middletown implement this plan. Nancy Kiniry was interested and D. O'Brien agreed to help for a while in the early stages of this project.

3. I-3 Zone Uses

The Commission members felt this could be discussed by the Commission before its "fixed in stone" by the Plan of Conservation and Development. The proposed regs could be mailed.

4. Trail Guide

Beth Lapin is working on the trail guide. She prepared a matrix. The working plan includes outstanding issues that need to be done. Commission members need to volunteer for tasks. Copies were made and distributed at the meeting. The lists of tasks were discussed in detail.

5. Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulations

Mr. Sipperly handed out the draft regulations section 45 of the proposed Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulations that were previously denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

6. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Mr. Sipperly reported that he talked to the Middletown Press and they agreed to do this monthly column. Volunteers would be needed to come up with topics and draft a 2-3 page text, typed. The first article should be about the Commission and the concept of this column.

Motion: To move the June meeting to June 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by L. Holder

Approved unanimously

7. Farm Report

- E. O'Brien met with John Ziomek, Tax Assessor to compile accuracies and discrepancies in the data. John Ziomek re drafted a report based on this data. Dave O'Brien's report can be the subject of an article for the Conservation Corner.

8. Open Space Status

Mr. Sipperly read a typed report that was attached to the mail out. Mr. Warner is meeting with the DEP to resolve the last issues of concerns.

1. Plan of Conservation and Development

Chairman discussed forming a subcommittee to review the plans in detail. Mr. Sipperly reported that the Plan is on the web site and is in color.

Katchen Coley contrasted and compared the new draft to the old letter submitted for consideration. Katchen Coley, Len Tundermann, Ellen Lukens and Jane Brawerman agreed to be on the committee.

- F. New Business

1. Meeting time change to 7:00 p.m.

Motion: To change the meeting times to 7:00 p.m.

Moved by G. Rankin\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

2. Workshop with Planning & Zoning and Wetlands RE: Environmentally Sensitive Large Lot subdivision

This will be set up for a meeting by staff.

- F. Public Forum

No public forum requested

- G. Correspondence

1. Wetland's Agenda MIWWA
2. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Regulations
3. Reading the Land Seminar
4. Realtors Reception on May 29th at First and Last.

- H. Member Forum

Mattabasset River watch program scheduled for May 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the deKoven House.

June 13th opening of Canoe\Kayak trail. 2:00 p.m.

Backyard Stream Guide mailed to abutting owners near Mattabasset River.

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane talked about membership. Two alternates are needed.

Katchen Coley 2002 report on Invasive Species report by Council on Environmental Quality.

I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Moved by E. Lukens, seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously