

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 1991
MINUTES

PRESENT

R. Klattenberg, Chairman
A. Siniscalchi
M. Giamei
C. Harris
P. Bogue
J. Brawerman
J. Chace
L. Tundermann (arrived at 8:14)
K. Coley (arrived 9:00)

ABSENT

E. Patton
T. Christopher
E. Kelsey
C. Peterson
G. Russo

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by R. Klattenberg, Chairman, at 7:17 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building. Alternate member J. Chace was seated as a voting member. M. Giamei was made Acting Secretary.

Minutes

Drafted:

April 11, 1991 - a motion was made by A. Siniscalchi, seconded by C. Harris, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Officers and Committee Reports

Vice Chairman - A. Siniscalchi commented on the recent Planning & Zoning Commission handling of their minutes.

Chairman - R. Klattenberg provided an update on the current status of the Environmental Manager position. A. Siniscalchi moved to authorize our Chairman to express a position of the Conservation Commission to support the idea of keeping both the Environmental Manager and Urban Forestry positions separate for the reasons discussed tonight. Motion seconded by P. Bogue and passed unanimously.

Natural Resource Inventory - J. Brawerman reported that the Committee held a joint meeting with the City Commissions Liaisons Committee. She will make her complete report under New Business.

City Commissions Liaison - moved to later in the agenda when L. Tundermann arrives.

Open Space Preservation - A. Siniscalchi announced that the Committee will meet in the next few months to process new applications for open space parcels.

Lamentation Mountain Tri-Town Meeting - R. Klattenberg announced a meeting to be held on May 23, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Connecticut Forest & Park building. The meeting is open to the public. Focus of the meeting will be on the town planners' discussion of the results of map surveys showing each town's section of the mountain.

Old Business

Dennison Park - Bruce Spaman, of the Urban Forestry Commission, gave background information on the planting of trees at Dennison Park, stressing the importance of follow-up care. Discussion followed on a new tree planting program.

A. Motion was made by A. Siniscalchi, seconded by J. Brawerman, to contact the Vo Ag program at Middletown High School to determine if they would be interested in working with the Urban Forestry Commission and the Conservation Commission on a joint project to grow off-spring and other species of notable Middletown trees and, further, to set aside on our agenda an item to report on such a project. The Urban Forestry Commission should take a leadership role in this project. Motion passed unanimously. (L. Tundermann arrived at 8:14 p.m. and abstained.)

City of Middletown/McCutcheon Park - the application is currently on hold, with approval needed from the Inland Wetlands Agency.

A motion was made by A. Siniscalchi, seconded by J. Chace, to change the agenda to allow L. Tundermann to report on the South Middletown Model Conservation Plan, and to make his City Commissions Liaison report. Motion approved unanimously.

City Commissions Liaison - L. Tundermann was reelected Committee Chairman at their May 6th meeting. A full report of the joint meeting with the Natural Resource Inventory Committee follows under New Business: South Middletown Conservation Plan.

New Business

South Middletown Model Conservation Plan

L. Tundermann described the joint meeting on May 6, 1991 of the City Commissions Liaison and the Natural Resource Inventory Committees regarding GIS mapping, open space, property lines on the Purcell maps, groundwater and other considerations. Recommendations are as follows: 1) maps of various combinations for GIS maps; 2) analysis should include groundwater and other items; 3) GIS mapping should be expanded to the rest of the City; 4) this model study should include mapping of all open space components for the City; and, 5) property lines should be added to the Purcell maps.

A. Siniscalchi made a motion, seconded by J. Brawerman, to: 1) send a memo to the Planning & Zoning Department that the Conservation Commission endorses the joint Committee recommendation of May 6, 1991; 2) the Conservation Commission suggests a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission Committees, the Planning & Zoning staff and a representative of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency to discuss our recommendations and Midstate's proposal in detail; 3) we further recommend that the draft memo from George Reif and Ron Klattenberg, requesting funds for this proposal, be forwarded to the Mayor, with our endorsement; and, 4) we authorize R. Klattenberg to meet with the Mayor to discuss the merits of this plan. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Tundermann and P. Bogue left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Old Business Continued

City of Middletown/McCutcheon Park

(A. Siniscalchi left the meeting for this item.) A brief discussion was held on the selection of the bottom liner and the maintenance concern. (A. Siniscalchi returned to the meeting.)

City of Middletown Subdivision Regulations

In the interest of educating the full Commission on planning concepts, R. Klattenberg has discussed with George

Reif the possibility of meeting to review these planning concepts. A follow-up discussion will decide when this meeting should be held. Other speakers may be invited as well.

City of Middletown/Open Space Mapping

R. Klattenberg pointed out that the issue is still key. He listed as an example, the South Middletown Plan.

Country View Estates

This item is scheduled to come before the Planning & Zoning Commission on May 22, 1991.

Correspondence

Aquifer Protection Workshop - notice was made of an Aquifer Protection Workshop, May 29, 1991 at the UConn Extension Center.

Connecticut Forest & Park Association - annual meeting - will be held June 10, 1991.

Public Forum - none.

Member Forum

J. Chace announced the Middletown Garden Club Plant Sale, May 25, 1991.

J. Brawerman invited Commissioners to the Connecticut River Watershed meeting May 21, 1991.

C. Harris reported on a planned American Lung Association/DOT Seminar June 6, 1991 in Waterbury.

Adjournment

A motion was made by C. Harris to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., seconded by J. Chace and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie P. Giamei
Acting Secretary

MPG/bds

AMENDED: JUNE 13, 1991