

**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2001**

MINUTES

PRESENT

S. Stoane
J. Beatty
K. Coley
D. O'Brien
J. Fortuna
J. Killian
L. Tundermann @ 7:15 p.m.
L. Holder @ 7:20 p.m. alt.
M. Graves @ 7:25 p.m.
E. Lukens @ 7:30 p.m. alt.
G. Rankin @ 8:05 p.m.
M. Graves @ 7:40 p.m.

ABSENT

K. Holden
J. Bagley, Alt.
H. Reid

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Sipperly, Staff
Andy Bauer, CT
Clean Air Coalition
Denise Bradley,
Planning Intern

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Chairperson S. Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Community Room at the Police Department on Main Street. A roll was called and a quorum was determined. All members in attendance are full voting members tonight.

B. Connecticut Clean Air Coalition Presentation

Mr. Sipperly reported that Rebecca McClaughlin appeared before this Commission some time ago, to solicit support for the filthy five legislation. Middletown did write a letter to the Council requesting the support to clean the air.

Andy Bauer, a CT Clean Air representative, presented a detailed report and findings on this issue. He distributed a document highlighting his talk presentation. Much discussion ensued. It was reported that Jim O'Rourke sponsored a meeting here in Middletown with the DEP. The filthy five is now called the "sooty six."

Mr. Bauer said that this is a real and documented health problem. He stated that there won't be a problem in CT with energy levels. He stated that 57,000 of Ct's kids have asthma.

Mr. Bauer is looking for support of CT Clean Air Bill H.B. 6365. He asked members to call Ted Raczka to support the bill. Mr. Bauer also said there are flaws in CT's Clean Air Regulations:

- 1) Pollution Credit Trading, 2) Pollution allowances, 3) discreet emission reduction credits.
- Much discussion ensued.

Motion: that the Conservation Commission initiate steps to send a letter to the appropriate state legislators to support passage of H.B. 6365.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by J. Killian

Approved unanimously

Mr. Bauer also said letters should go to representative Sullivan, Lyons, and Ward. Copies should be forwarded to the press also.

C. Minutes

1. Minutes of Special Meeting March 22, 2001

The minutes were reviewed

Motion: To approve the minutes as received

Moved by K. Coley\seconded by J. Killian

E. Lukens would like to insert that she agreed to work on the ERT also.

Approved unanimously with L. Tundermann, L. Holder, G. Rankin, J. Fortuna, and J. Beatty abstaining.

2. Minutes of April 12, 2001

Staff reported that these should be deferred, as they were mistakenly not mailed out with the agenda.

D. Officer's and Committee Reports

None given, subjects will be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

E. Old Business

1. Open Space Brochure

Mr. Sipperly reported that the grant was received from Rockfall and that a student from Middlesex Community College has agreed to work on it. The only problem is that the maps done in GIS have to be compatible to the MacIntosh software the college uses. L. Tundermann suggested contacting ESRI in Danvers, Mass., Computer consultants.

2. Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Sipperly reported that there has been no activity on this due to the Planning and Zoning Commission handling of this. The Conservation Commission did send many letters and correspondence to Buckhurst and he acknowledged he received it.

Motion: To send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission stating that the PCD is an important resource and should be put back on there agenda for consideration as soon as possible.

Moved by L. Holder\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously

4. I-3 Zone

Mr. Sipperly reported that on May 22, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Bill Holley has scheduled a Public Hearing on a workshop to solicit public comments to proposed draft I-3 Amendments, a copy of which is filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Sipperly will send out this notice and the draft amendments. A discussion ensued regarding the moratorium and the ERT request. The ERT was approved however the property permissions may not be obtained.

5. Other

F. New Business

1. Tree Planting

This item was discussed and the date is June 19, 2001 at 6:15 at the Board of Education. Please attend if you can.

2. Other

J. Killian would like to add to the next agenda Public Relation Strategies

G. Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was received.

H. Public Forum

No one spoke.

I. Member Forum

J. Coley handed staff some items that needed to be addressed at the Nature Gardens.

She also reported that on May 23, in Essex at the Town Hall, the Trust for Public Land is sponsoring a forum on what properties are owned by Northeast Utilities in Connecticut.

K. Adjournment

A discussion was held to add the Mattabasset Plan on the Agenda.

Liz Holder requested that a letter be written to state legislation that the stream gaging funds be reauthorized.

Motion: To adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna\seconded by L. Holder

Approved unanimously