

**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2002**

MINUTES

PRESENT

E. Lukens @ 7:16
J. Fortuna
D. O'Brien
E. Holder
G. Rankin
K. Coley
L. Tundermann
N. Kiniry

ABSENT

S. Stoane
H. Reid

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

Gerald Rankin, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Minutes

Minutes of May 9, 2002 were reviewed as presented. Change page 1 Raul de Brigard not Paul DeBeaugard.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended

Motion by J. Rankin\seconded by E. Holder

Approved unanimously with J. Fortuna abstaining

C. Mr. Sipperly reported that an outstanding conservation commission award will be issued to Stacey Lowe and Shirlee Zito by the Mayor. Mr. Sipperly arranged a certificate to be given at an assembly at the High School on June 7, 2002.

L. Tundermann reported on a meeting Sheila Stoane attended in Middlefield regarding problems caused by ATV's on open space properties.

D. Old Business

1. Plan of Conservation and Development Workshop

August – possibly is the time for the meeting\workshop for the Plan to be heard at a public meeting. Katchen Coley reported at the last meeting that she did review the new plan and most comments have been incorporated. The map still is an issue. Discussion ensued regarding how to coordinate a subcommittee and generate comments to send to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ellen Lukens comments – she would like explained even more of the number of open space issues in town. The Planning & Zoning should adopt a goal of 20% open space in the City. (Currently we are at 14%)

Residential zones should be increased in size to larger areas of land. Re-zoning of residential land to larger sizes.

Maromas – she stated that there are mistakes in the figure 15.2 Future Land Use Map.

Maromas area, the DEP came up with a map that is a Sewer Service Map. Ellen suggested that this map be adopted.

Discussion ensued about sending a letter to Planning and Zoning about some issues relative to the Plan of Conservation and Development and that comments will be submitted at the Plan of Conservation and Development meeting.

Len Tundermann will coordinate a committee and comments and get back to people on this issue.

2. The Mattabasset Management Plan

Nancy Kiniry agreed to serve on the committee.

The canoe launch celebration is on Thursday June 13, 2002 at 2:00, at the Saw Mill Pub site.

3. I-3 Zone Uses

Len Tundermann said that the best way to handle this is through a subcommittee to work on it in the Fall.

4. Trail Guide (MXCC)

Len Tundermann handed out materials that people agreed to work on. Beth Lapin organized the existing data in folders and handed them out accordingly.

5. Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulation

Mr. Sipperly handed these out at the last meeting.

6. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Mr. Sipperly reported that the Middletown Press has agreed to do this. Four articles need to be written in advance. This will be a monthly column. For the July meeting, members should come up with an idea for articles that will be 2 pages typed double-spaced.

7. Farm Report

Dave O'Brien is still putting together the new report information from John Ziomek the Tax Assessor's. Dave O'Brien discussed his methodology in detail.

8. Open Space Status

Mr. Sipperly handed out an update dated May 30, 2002 explaining the parcels and status to date.

9. Workshop with Planning and Zoning and Wetland Commission

i.e. Environmentally large lot subdivision. This will probably be done after the POCD.

b. Siting Council Public Hearing

Some members highly questioned the need for the Kleen Energy plant if NRG is planning to upgrade.

Send a letter that reflects that we registered our position and that a letter be developed questioning that new development of a plant due to NRG plans to construct a new plant on an existing site rather than having 2 plants within 1 mile apart.

Moved by E. Holder/seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously with G. Rankin abstaining

E. Holder will develop a draft on this letter.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:55

moved by E. Lukens\seconded by K. Coley, Approved unanimously

