

**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2001**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

L. Tundermann
E. Lukens
K. Coley
J. Fortuna
H. Reid
G. Rankin
S. Stoane
J. Brawerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

L. Holder
J. Beatty
J. Kilian
D. O'Brien
J. Fortuna

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Chairperson S. Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in Room 208 in the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Minutes

The minutes of May 10, 2001 were reviewed.

A discussion to add the Mattabasset Plan to the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended

L. Tundermann moved, seconded by E. Lukens, approved unanimously with J. Brawerman abstaining.

J. Brawerman abstained

Sheila stated that she received calls asking her to contact the Governor regarding passing the Clean Air Bill.

Discussion ensued regarding clean air and particulate matter regarding health issues.

C. Officer's and Committee Reports

S. Stoane reminded that on June 19, 2001 a brief ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. regarding the tree planting for M. DeRosier, in front of the Board of Education building.

D. Old Business

1. Open Space Brochure

E. Lukens asked for volunteers to help assist with writing the descriptions for the Brochure. She asked that a group of people get together to work on this.

The consensus of the Committee members present is to have a Special Meeting at 6:00 – 7:30 prior to the next meeting on July 12, 2001.

2. Plan of Conservation and Development

S. Stoane reported that we were going to host a meeting with the Planning and Zoning meeting. S. Stoane reported that not much is happening on this right now.

3. Open Space Grant\Spring 2001

E. Lukens stated that staff submitted an application for the Wilcox property this past grant round.

A discussion ensued regarding other acquisitions and grants for other properties.

4. I-3 Zone

Discussion ensued regarding the I-3 Zone or the whole Maromas Issue. No response from Northeast Utilities or Pratt & Whitney regarding the ERT issue was received. Maromas Associates said no to access to the Feldspar property.

K. Coley reported on some information regarding resource maps and response to the permission letters.

S. Stoane reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is trying to develop new zoning uses for this area, however, there is disagreement on views from Commission members.

A discussion ensued regarding writing letters or articles to inform the public on the Maromas issues.

H. Reid questioned the role of the Conservation Commission regarding land use policies. Working with the Planning & Zoning Commission. S. Stoane responded that it is strictly advisory.

5. Other

Mattabasset Manager's Plan

A Steering Committee has been meeting periodically and no one from Middletown has been attending. Most of the elements need to be carved out on the local level. A discussion ensued why staff is not attending their meetings. J. Brawerman stated that if Mr. Sipperly does not attend these meetings someone else from the city staff should be in attendance.

Motion: That we with someone from the city staff attend these meetings when the Environmental Planner cannot attend, that there be representation at those meetings.

Moved by K. Coley\seconded by E. Lukens

L. Tundermann questioned the need for this motion.

A discussion ensued. The Chairperson called the question

All in favor 3 members, and the vote was defeated.

Jane Brawerman abstained

F. New Business

1. Tree Planting

S. Stoane reported that the tree for Marie DeRosier will be dedicated on June 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Building.

2. Other

G. Correspondence

H. Public Forum

No one from the public is in attendance

I. Member Forum

- J. Brawerman reported that her street was finally cleaned last week. Her husband called Public Works people several times. This issue needs to be addressed. Catch basin cleaning should be added to the agenda. The Chairman will ask for someone from the Public Works Department to be in attendance.

K. Adjournment