

**Conservation Commission**  
**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2011**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Other</u></b>
David O' Brien	Ellen Lukens	Matt Dodge
Karen Swartz	Eric Mosher	
Jane Brawerman	Michael Ennis	
Joan Liska	Sheila Stoane	
Katchen Coley	Nancy Newman	
Kate Miller		
Steven Ladd		

A. Jane Brawerman called the meeting at 7:10 in room 208

**B. Minutes**

Motion to approved minutes of May 23, 2011 was moved by Joan Liska and seconded by Katchen Coley. Approved unanimously with Kate Miller abstaining.

**C. Officers and Committee Reports**

1. **Chairman's Report**

No report

2. **Strategic Report**

J. Brawerman - asks for ideas

D. O'Brien - discusses forest stewardship workshop and management of existing open space properties from a forestry perspective. Explains that he knows of speakers who'd be interested in speaking at a Conservation Commission meeting regarding forest stewardship issues.

J. Liska - would like to have Urban Forestry involved.

D. O'Brien - discusses 2002 reports be produced and that commissioners should each have a way to record information on each open space property.

J. Liska - would like to pull out Wilcox management plan.

S. Ladd - we need to have information readily available. Someone new to the commission would have no idea what we have for open space properties.

J. Brawerman – it would be useful to have a summary of all the city-owned open space properties.

K. Miller - next meeting everyone should bring in a list of what they'd like to see.

A discussion ensues among the Commission.

Draft list of attributes to include:

- Date acquired
- Type of purchase
- Funding source
- Property listing
- Former owner
- Natural features

- NDDDB
- POCD
- Borders other towns?

- K. Coley - discusses the Hartford Courant article regarding Wilcox Woods.
- K. Swartz - discusses CACIWC handbook.
- J. Brawerman - will find out about getting copies for the Commission. The fall would be a good time for stewardship workshop.
- K. Miller-would like to do more with the existing management plans.
- J. Brawerman - would like to come up with a plan for implementation.

3. Open Space Report

- K. Coley - updates on site walks of potential open space properties; Carta, Roberts, Schukoski, & Morello

4. Staff Report

- M. Dodge updates Commission.

D. Old Business

1. Trail Guide

- K. Coley - walked Long Hill Estate

2. Commission Vacancies

- Nothing to report

3. Roadside Vegetation Management

- M. Dodge updated

4. Open Space Referendum

- No update

5. Wesleyan GIS Projects

- M. Dodge updated

6. Public Relations

- J. Brawerman - helped E. Lukens on an article regarding Trail Guide and Open Space- will try to get Karen Torop to write article on Roadside Vegetation Management.
- K. Miller - Can write article on something if need be.

E. New Business

- None

F. Correspondence

- None

G. Public Forum

- None

H. Member Forum

K. Coley – has questions regarding conservation easements and if there is a comprehensive list. There is open space bond money authorized for another round of purchases. Would like to see CACIWC membership for commission.

Meeting ends at 8:30

Respectively submitted,  
Matt Dodge,  
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