

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

JULY 11, 2002

PRESENT

L. Holder
K. Coley
L. Tundermann
G. Rankin
D. O'Brien
J. Brawerman
S. Stoane @ 7:15 p.m.

ABSENT

H. Reid
N. Kiniry
J. Fortuna

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff
D. Bauer

Call to order

1. Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Len Tundermann called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Minutes

Minutes of June 6, 2002 were reviewed in detail.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by L. Holder\seconded by D. O'Brien

Discussion: Add J. Brawerman as absent

Approved unanimously with S. Stoane and J. Brawerman abstaining

S. Stoane assumed the Chairmanship at 7:20 p.m.

C. Officers and Committee Reports

Mr. Sipperly reported that the CACIWAC membership will be renewed.

D. Old Business

1. Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Sipperly reported that the Public Hearing for the Plan will be on Aug. 14th. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of that date due to people being away for vacation. Discussion ensued regarding sending a letter to Barbara Plum and Bill Warner regarding moving the meeting date.

Motion: To send a letter to the Planning & Zoning Commission stating that the commission is distressed that the meeting of the important Plan of Conservation and Development will be on August 14th when most of the commission cannot attend due to vacations, presumably the public may be away as well.

Moved by: Len Tundermann, seconded by J. Brawerman

Vote approved unanimously

Mr. Sipperly reported that Bill Warner will be present to present the Plan of Conservation and Development at the next meeting August 8, 2002.

Len Tundermann reported that he was suppose to put together comments and he did not have the opportunity to do so.

Mr. Sipperly distributed comments from E. Lukens

2. Mattabasset Management Plan

Mr. Sipperly reported that a committee needs to be formed in Middletown to implement the Plan as Berlin did. Members from this commission and wetlands have agreed to be on this committee. Members from Public Works, Council and Planning & Zoning need to be recruited. Paul Wentworth will assist with this from the Conservation District.

3. I-3 Zone Uses

This will be developed once the Plan of Conservation and Development is adopted.

4. Trail Guide

Many members handed in maps and text on the trails. S. Stoane went over who is doing what trails.

Beth Lapin will do the final draft. Sheila Stoane reported that Beth has put a lot of hours in and is close to using up the money appropriated for her. Sheila will ask Bill Warner regarding additional monies to complete the job.

K. Coley reported on an article in CT Woodlands that Norm Zimmer wrote regarding the trap rock ridges.

Staff will send a copy to commission members.

5. Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulations

This also will be worked on after the Plan of Conservation and Development is adopted.

6. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Mr. Sipperly reported the Rob Harmon, Middletown Press agreed to assist in setting this up. Articles need to be written 4 at a time so the paper has materials once a month. Articles will be history of commission and reason for column, invasive species, farm study, POCD, etc.

7. Farm Report

D. O'Brien reported on the status of his Farm Study. Jay Pipple at DEP, Farm Preservation Program was contacted. Mr. Sipperly distributed info on Farms Statewide.

8. Open Space Status

Mr. Sipperly distributed information regarded the open space grants, memo's emails etc.

9. Workshop with Planning & Zoning and Wetlands regarding environmentally sensitive large lot subdivisions regulations.

This will also be completed after the Plan of Conservation and Development

10. CT Siting Council Public Hearing

Ellen, Jane and Katchen will be going.

Members may speak as citizens and a representative should be appointed by this commission.

Points are:

- 1) State need and evaluate the need
- 2) Have siting Council look at NRG in evaluating what they do

Motion: Authorize Ellen, and Liz to draft information to the Siting Council to emphasize policy and the need for adoption of another power plant and review the results of the sooty six bill, specifically looking at specific site concerns and water withdrawal, air quality.

Moved by L. Tundermann, seconded by G. Rankin

approved unanimously

The draft will be reviewed by Sheila and Staff.

E. New Business

F. Public Forum

David Bauer stated he has a pet peeve about how the city conducts business. He strongly advocates that they tape the POCD presentation and broadcast it to the residents.

G. Correspondence

H. Member Forum

J. Brawerman distributed Backyard Stream Guides for Mattabasset River

She reported on water sampling locations, they are highlighting Saw Mill Brook in detail.

I. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Moved by L. Tundermann

Seconded by G. Rankin

Approved unanimously