

MIDDLETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2001
REGULAR MEETING

Members Present

E. Lukens
S. Stoane
M. Graves
J. Kilian
L. Tundermann
K. Coley
J. Brawerman

Members Absent

J. Beatty
H. Reid
G. Rankin
L. Holder
D. O'Brien
J. Bagley

Others Present

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Chairperson S. Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:55 in Room 208 of the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. Minutes

Minutes of June 14, 2001 were reviewed

There is only one "L" in Kilian

Add that James Fortuna was absent

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously

C. Officers and Committee Reports

S. Stoane, Chairperson asked about the status of John Bagley as a member. Mr. Sipperly will contact him again for an update.

No committee reports were given.

S. Stoane mentioned that a possible new member Jeff Bogue is interested.

D. Old Business

1. Open Space Brochure

S. Stoane reported that this item was the subject of a long workshop this evening and discussed the highlights.

2. Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Sipperly reported that the PCOD is not actively being worked on due to the fact that the Planning & Zoning Commission are sidetracked with the Maromas issues. This will be revisited soon, and hopefully will be back actively on their agenda.

The YCC workers will not be marking or blazing trails this year. Mr. Sipperly will provide the paint for Matt Graves to do the trail marking at Crystal Lake.

3. Mattabasset Management Plan

Mr. Sipperly reported that he met with Barbara Doretsky (Soil & Water Conservation District) and Sal Fazzino, City Public Works Director to discuss catch basin cleaning and management of road sand.

Also Mr. Sipperly reported that the Soil and Water Conservation Service is working on an implementation plan modeled after Berlin so that towns can start a planning process and use it as a guide.

J. Brawerman reported on a study going underway to identify problems in the watershed and make towns aware of them to prioritize projects. Grant money will be used for this. Also storm water retrofitting is also being studied.

4. I-3 Zone\Maromas Area

K. Coley discussed the request for the ERT review. Discussion ensued regarding the exemption of sewer project for the CEPA process.

K. Coley reported on the process that may be taken by various agencies. Discussion ensued regarding the draft regulations.

E. Lukens reported that she started a letter, which we could send to the Common Council and other city staff.

E. Lukens suggested encouraging the Mayor to encourage the property owners for access for the ERT team.

Motion: That the Conservation Commission write a letter to Mayor, Common Council and other staff regarding certain elements of the Maromas issue.

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by K. Coley

Discussion ensued regarding how to approach these subjects and what to include in the letter. J. Kilian warned about sending such a letter to the Mayor and Common Council and suggested using other tactics.

J. Brawerman suggested empowering people to write a letter.

John Kilian amends motion: to communicate to the Mayor that the letter be authorized by Jane, Len, Ellen, and the chair for her signature.

Vote on amendment: approved unanimously

Vote on motion:

Approved unanimously

5. Other

F. New Business

1. Public Relations

This was tabled

2. Catch basin cleaning

This was also discussed earlier in the meeting

3. Other

Meeting time changes will be on next agenda

G. Correspondence

Letter from Mr. Buck requesting by-laws of Commission. Mr. Sipperly forwarded this request to the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Sipperly reported that 2 sets of letters were written to legislatures regarding stream gauges. Billy Ciotta returned a letter on this issue.

Motion: To rejoin CACIWAC

Moved by K. Coley\seconded by J. Kilian

Motion: To write a letter of support for HR 1814 an Act concerning amending the National Scenic Trails Act to include the Metacomet and Mattabasset Trail.

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by J. Kilian

A letter from Mrs. Hayn regarding her desire to sell their land to the City.

Mr. Sipperly explained the status of the open space acquisitions

Motion: To adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously