

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

August 9, 1990

PRESENT

R. Klattenberg, Chairman
A. Siniscalchi
H. Kasper
C. Harris
S. Faraci
J. Nofi
M. Giamei
K. Coley
E. Kelsey
J. Brawerman
G. Russo (7:45)
L. Tundermann (8:00)

ALSO PRESENT

J. Pierce
C. Caprioglio, Press

ABSENT

C. Peterson
R. Otto
Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Klattenberg, Chairman, at 7:10 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building. Alternate member J. Brawerman was seated in place of absent regular member C. Peterson. H. Kasper was seated in place of regular members arriving late.

Minutes

Approved:

R. Klattenberg noted the previously approved minutes that were sent to Commission members.

Drafted:

a. June 20, 1990 Lee Farm Estate Review Committee

Upon a motion, duly seconded, the Lee Farm Estate Review Committee approved the minutes of June 20, 1990 for acceptance by the full Commission. The motion passed. J. Brawerman then motioned, seconded by R. Klattenberg, that the Lee Farm Estate Review Committee minutes of June 20, 1990 be accepted by the full Commission. The motion passed. (Abstained: A. Siniscalchi).

b. July 20, 1990 Lee Farm Estate Review Committee

Upon a motion, duly seconded, the Lee Farm Estate Review Committee approved the minutes of July 20, 1990 for acceptance by the full Commission. The motion passed. J. Brawerman then motioned, seconded by R. Klattenberg, that the Lee Farm Estate Review Committee minutes of July 20, 1990 be accepted by the full Commission. The motion passed (abstained: E. Kelsey and A. Siniscalchi).

c. July 9, 1990 Special Meeting

Upon a motion by K. Coley, seconded by A. Siniscalchi, the Commission voted to approve the special meeting minutes of July 9, 1990, as amended. The motion passed (abstained: J. Brawerman, J. Nofi and S. Faraci).

d. July 12, 1990 Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by J. Nofi, seconded by H. Kasper, the Commission voted to table the minutes of the July 12, 1990 regular meeting so that E. Kelsey would have the opportunity to listen to the tapes of this meeting. The motion passed (abstained: S. Faraci and J. Brawerman).

e. July 24, 1990 Special Meeting

Upon a motion by K. Coley, seconded by S. Faraci, the Commission voted to approve the special meeting minutes of July 24, 1990, as amended. The motion passed (abstained: M. Giamei, C. Harris, J. Nofi, A. Siniscalchi and E. Kelsey).

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairman - R. Klattenberg reported that the Conservation Commission makes the recommendation to the Municipal Development Committee and the Mayor to purchase open space parcels.

R. Klattenberg also reported that the evaluation of in-house candidates for the Environmental Professional was taking place.

Vice Chairman - A. Siniscalchi reported that he and R. Klattenberg had met with the Mayor and Councilwoman N. Conaway-Raczka to discuss acquiring open space. They were told the Municipal Development Committee could handle the financial dealings associated with recommended land acquisitions. A. Siniscalchi and R. Klattenberg agreed to this process.

Watershed Trails Committee - Upon a motion by G. Russo, seconded by H. Kasper, the Commission voted to add S. Faraci as a member to the Watershed Trails Committee. The motion passed.

Open Space Criteria Committee - A. Siniscalchi updated the Commission regarding Open Space Criteria used for Designer Environmental Subdivisions. Upon a motion by K. Coley, seconded by S. Faraci, the Commission voted to accept the amended open space criteria. The motion passed (abstained: C. Harris).

A. Siniscalchi explained that the next Committee meeting for Open Space Criteria will be held on August 21, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. A notice will be sent to all Commissioners.

Lee Farm Estate Review Committee - R. Klattenberg reported the latest revisions to the Lee Farm Estates. Because all comments have been submitted to Planning & Zoning, no further actions are necessary.

Coginchaug River Task Force - J. Nofi distributed to all Commissioners the Blackledge Report. This report shall become part of the minutes. He advised that the next meeting of the Coginchaug River Task Force will be in September.

Text Amendment Working Group

A. Siniscalchi reported that the working group established with Urban Forestry has not met yet.

Old Business

Revised Long Term Planning Results - R. Klattenberg announced the results of the long term planning selections. He also apologized to E. Kelsey for any misunderstandings there may have been.

Upon a motion, duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved to take a five minute break.

Following the break, a motion was made by K. Coley, seconded by J. Nofi, that the Commission vote to accept the a new revised list of priorities. The motion passed. The priority list shall become part of the minutes.

Special Committee Assignments - R. Klattenberg distributed copies of the Special Committee assignments. A discussion took place regarding standing committees. A. Siniscalchi felt that the bylaws would need to be amended in order to call the assignments Standing Committees and clarify voting authority. A. Siniscalchi will research the bylaws and recommend word changes for the next meeting.

J. Nofi and M. Giamei left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

New Business

Open Space/Detention Basin Policy Statement - There was considerable discussion regarding the Open Space/Detention Basin Policy Statement. Upon a motion by H. Kasper, seconded by E. Kelsey, the Commission voted to table any further discussions on the policy statement until the next meeting. The motion passed.

Revision to Planning & Zoning Regulations - Upon a motion by K. Coley, seconded by J. Brawerman, the Commission voted to table discussion on the Planning & Zoning Regulations (PA90-239) until the next meeting. The motion passed.

Planning & Zoning Plan of Development - Upon a motion by G. Russo, seconded by H. Kasper, the Commission voted to send a letter, as amended, to A. Loffredo, Chairwoman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, regarding the intent of the

Conservation Commission to review specific sections of the Plan of Development and request a public hearing be scheduled.. The motion passed.

Mattabasset Office Complex/Executive Place - Upon a motion by K. Coley, seconded by J. Brawerman, the Commission voted to send a letter to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency regarding the Mattabasset Office Complex. The motion passed. The vote was as follows: Aye: R. Klattenberg; J. Brawerman; L. Tundermann; K. Coley. Nay: E. Kelsey; H. Kasper; G. Russo. A. Siniscalchi left the room during discussion of this item.

Resubdivision of Open Space Parcel Policy - Upon a motion by H. Kasper, seconded by G. Russo, the Commission voted to table discussion on the resubdivision of open space parcel policy until the next meeting.

Public Form

E. Roberts questioned the Commission regarding membership to the Coginchaug River Task Force. R. Klattenberg advised him that J. Nofi was the Conservation Commission representative to the Task Force.

Member Forum

E. Kelsey questioned the Department of Environmental Protection monitoring of Washington Street. Upon a motion by H. Kasper, seconded by G. Russo, the Commission voted to authorize E. Kelsey to call or send a letter to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency regarding the situation. The motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion by H. Kasper, seconded by A. Siniscalchi, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Hope Kasper
Secretary

APPROVED, AS AMENDED, ON: OCTOBER 11, 1990

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

<u>PRIORITIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
City Commissions	230
Existing Open Space	228
Review Site Plans	224
Open Space Priority	207
Aquifer Protection	207
Natural Resource Mapping	201
Open Space Management	190
Community Education	187
DEP Regulatory Coordination	175
Regional Activities	168
Private Conservation Groups	165
GIS Mapping	148
River/Lake Clean-ups	115

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