

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

September 7, 2000

PRESENT

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

S. Stoane
J. Killian
J. Beatty
K. Coley
J. Fortuna
H. Reed
K. Holden
J. Brawerman @ 7:10 p.m.

Call to Order

S. Stoane, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Reading Room #2, Russell Library. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

S. Stoane introduced H. Reed a new Commissioner. K. Coley asked him to give the Commission his background. The tape is not transcribable at this point.

The Commission introduced themselves to Mr. Reed.

C. Officer's and Committee Reports

The commission discussed the Bond Referendum possibility.

S. Stoane explained the review of open space parcels previously completed for the last DEP grant round.

Old Business

1.) Open Space Brochure

S. Stoane reported that due to work being done on the Plan of Conservation and Development, no work is currently being completed on the brochure.

2.) Plan of Conservation and Development

S. Stoane stated that J. Sipperly reported that a second draft of the Plan of Conservation and Development will be delivered to his office by the end of this week, and he will get them to you.

3. DEP Open Space Grants for Fall round

Sheila Stoane reported that the 2 contracts for the Daniels and Schwarzkopf properties have been completed.

Tape is very inaudible at this point.

Commission discussed the membership appointments at this point in the meeting.

New Business

1. Request for Open Space Bond Referendum

Motion:

2. Fall Hike Public Education

A hike should be conducted for the residents to attend to be aware of the Commission and our activities.

Correspondence

S. Stoane read miscellaneous correspondence; a letter from J. Sipperly to the Council regarding the adoption of the Mattabasset River Watershed Management Plan; copy of a letter from Lawrence Buck; a letter from Atty. Bill Howard re: Daniels Property, DEP memo to Mayor re: open space grant awards; CAIWCC by-laws, and notice for Plan of Conservation and Development Workshop, Sept. 20, 2000.

Member Forum

J. Beatty wanted to discuss the make-up of the Planning & Zoning for the November ballot Election. Much discussion ensued.

J. Killian discussed the purchase of the Pierce property.

A discussion ensued regarding the Helfant and Pierce property.

Motion: The Middletown Conservation Commission requests the City Common Council issue bonding in the amount of \$475,000 to fund current and future applications for state matching grants for the acquisition of open space.

These funds would target the purchase of the Helfant property, requiring approximately \$90,000
And approximately \$385,000 for property on Lamentation and Higby Mountains, with the
Understanding that the first being the Pierce property.

Moved by J. Killian\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously

Motion: To adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously