

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of October 9, 2003

Members Present

R. Nolan
J. Fortuna
N. Kiniry
E. Lukens
D. O'Brien
K. Coley
L. Tunderman
G. Rankin
M. Ennis
H. Reid

Members Absent

Elizabeth Holder
J. Brawerman
S. Stoane

Others Present

James Sipperly, staff

- A. Call to order
1. Roll Call

Len Tunderman, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m in Room 208 at the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined. Sheila Stoane will not be attending the meeting tonight.

- B. Minutes

The minutes of September 11, 2003 were reviewed.

Top of page 2 should be "ensued" not ensured; Bottom of page 2 should read "State to blame for the delay in payment"

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by E. Lukens / seconded by R. Nolan

Approved unanimously with K. Coley, H. Reid, D. O'Brien and L. Tunderman abstaining.

- C. Officers and Committee Reports - Land Use Regulations

Mr. Sipperly reported on the meeting of the three (3) Commissions; Planning and Zoning, Inland/Wetland and Conservation. This will probably be done after elections in November. No meeting dates have been set. All the groups are in agreement this should happen.

D. Old Business

1. Mattabeset Management Plan

Dave O'Brien did a synopsis on the plan to help explain the issues. Signage is an important aspect of the plan. Staff will work with the Public Works Department to generate the signs.

2. Trail Guide

Beth Lapin will be contacted by staff for an update on the status and the schedule for delivery of a camera ready copy.

3. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

The deadline for the next publication is November 10. Articles and topics were discussed and who would draft them.

R. Nolan discussed a document collaboration for change where environment non profit agencies partner with industry to create opportunities. Discussion ensued regarding how this might work in Middletown.

4. Open Space Status

Mr. Sipperly reported that Mr. Fusari has been offered by the Mayor, to purchase the property on Long Hill Road. The terms and conditions were not known.

Discussion ensued regarding the other properties that we are actively pursuing. The purchase of the Wadsworth Preserve will affect the amount of monies available in the future.

Katchen Coley reported that for the state funds to be continued for open space acquisition, you should write to Gail Hamm and James O'Rourke to continue the bonding.

5. Moratorium Meeting

This was discussed earlier

6. Fall Hike

Jerry Rankins reported that Guy Russo would not let the hike occur on water company property due to security reasons. Mr. Rankins has developed a hike

for the Tynan property that is on City land. The hike will be on October 10 at 9:00 a.m.

7. Other

Ellen Lukens spoke about the new proposal to upgrade transmission lines. Hearings will be conducted regionally and the first meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2003 at the Wallingford Senior Center, at 7:00 p.m. Staff will check on correspondence on this process.

E. New Business

No new business. Next time on the agenda, the Northeast Utility proposal should be added.

F. Public Forum

No one from the public was in attendance.

G. Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was received.

H. Member Forum

Mike Ennis reported that we are working on the Farmland Protection Application and is working with Jim on a contract for Harold Graves.

Hopefully, Middlefield will work on a joint application also.

I. Adjournment

To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by N. Kiniry / seconded by H. Reid

Approved Unanimously