

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

October 11, 1990

PRESENT

A. Siniscalchi, Vice Chairman
C. Harris
J. Nofi
M. Giamei
K. Coley
G. Russo
C. Peterson
E. Kelsey
J. Brawerman
L. Tundermann

ALSO PRESENT

J. Pierce

ABSENT

R. Klattenberg, Chairman
S. Faraci
J. Chace

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman A. Siniscalchi at 7:15 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building. Alternate member J. Brawerman was seated in place of regular member S. Faraci. M. Giamei was appointed Acting Secretary.

Minutes

Drafted:

- a. July 12, 1990, regular meeting - tabled.
- b. August 9, 1990 regular meeting - upon a motion by J. Nofi, duly seconded by C. Peterson, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the minutes as amended.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice Chairman - A. Siniscalchi reported on the status of the Environmental Manager position.

Watershed Trails Committee - no report.

Open Space Preservation - A. Siniscalchi gave an update regarding work being done by the Open Space Preservation Committee. Landowners offering land to be considered have been contacted and the Committee is presently conducting site visits.

Natural Resource Inventory - J. Brawerman reported her Committee met October 4th at the Midstate Regional Planning Agency to review maps and discuss issues regarding data. Maps from Midstate will be available to the Commission when work is completed. Lacking a quorum, no business was conducted.

City Commissions Liaison - L. Tundermann stated that the Committee will reschedule their meeting to discuss the Natural Resource and Open Space sections of the new draft of the Plan of Development. It is necessary to check with the Planning & Zoning Commission to determine their scheduled public hearing dates in order to submit comments in time.

Coginchaug River Task Force - J. Nofi reported on the Task Force meeting of September 25th with public officials, commissioners and volunteers from participating towns.

Planning & Zoning Text Amendment Working Group - no report.

Old Business

Mattabassett Office Complex/Executive Place - a motion was made by K. Coley, seconded by G. Russo, designating C. Peterson as Acting Chairman of the Commission in the absence of A. Siniscalchi who disqualified himself and left the meeting. The motion passed. C. Harris and E. Kelsey also left the meeting and abstained from discussion and voting on this item.

After discussion among the remaining members, L. Tundermann made a motion, seconded by G. Russo, that a letter be written to the Inland Wetlands Agency requesting them to keep the public hearing open for thirty (30) days to allow the Conservation Commission time to review and offer comments on the Mattabassett Office Complex/Executive Place application. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Coley, seconded by G. Russo, to turn the meeting back over to Vice Chairman A. Siniscalchi. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion, duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved a fifteen minute break.

Amendments to Commission Bylaws

A motion was made by E. Kelsey, seconded by G. Russo, to keep the existing bylaws as they are and reject the proposed amendments introduced at the previous regular meeting. After some discussion, the motion was defeated. The vote was as follows: Aye: E. Kelsey, G. Russo. Nay: C. Peterson, K. Coley, M. Giamei, C. Harris, J. Nofi, J. Brawerman, L. Tundermann, A. Siniscalchi.

Upon a motion by J. Nofi, seconded by L. Tundermann, the Commission voted unanimously to further amend Article XI, Section 2 of the bylaws to read: "The Chairperson of the Commission shall serve ex-officio on the standing committees and retain voting privileges in the event that his/her presence is needed to establish a quorum."

Upon a motion by G. Russo, seconded by C. Harris, the Commission voted unanimously to further amend Article XI, Section 1 of the bylaws to read: "Chairpersons of special standing committees shall be elected by majority vote by members of their respective committees."

Oct 11, 1990

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New Business

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Correspondence

Review of Upcoming Workshops/Seminars - The Rockfall Foundation Seminar will be held Tuesday, October 30, 1990. Commissioners interested in attending should contact R. Klattenberg.

Public Forum

There were no members from the public wishing to speak.

Member Forum

J. Brawerman requested that the Mattabassett Office Complex/Executive Place item be placed on the agenda of our next special Conservation Commission meeting.

E. Kelsey requested that an effort be made to schedule Commission walks on Sundays.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion by C. Peterson, seconded by G. Russo, the Commission voted to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie Giamei
Acting Secretary

As Amended

APPROVED ON: Dec 13, 1990

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