

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**Regular Meeting of October 12, 2006**

PRESENT

Sheila Stoane  
Kate Miller  
Howard Reid  
David O'Brien  
Katchen Coley  
Jim Fortuna  
Jane Brawerman  
Steven Ladd  
Michael Ennis  
Ellen Lukens  
Nancy Kiniry

ABSENT

Norm Zimmer  
Len T undermann

OTHERS PRESENT

A. Call to Order

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm in Room 208 in the Municipal Building.

B. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

C. Public Forum

No members of the public present

D. Minutes of June 7, 2006

Motion to approve minutes as amended was moved by James Fortuna and seconded by Howard Reid. Approved unanimously.

E. Old Business

1. Trail Guide

a. Addendum

Motion to have 500 to 1,500 new trail guides printed was moved by Michael Ennis. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of the printing. A request was made to have the trail guides put on the web with revisions and add to the web site.

2. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Middletown Press has shortened the word count to approximately 600. Kate Miller suggested writing another article about gift giving. Jane Brawerman suggested an article coinciding with the CT River Coastal October information. Katchen Coley will do an article on updates on what to look out for in upcoming legislature changes (probably for March). Ellen will write an article in June on Bio Blitz.

3. Open Space Status

The Commission viewed list of owned properties. \$250,000 to \$270,000 is left for purchases. Strong emphasis should be towards preservations of farm protection. The Open-Space Subcommittee needs to have a special meeting on

this.

4. Development of Guidelines for Landscaping Plans  
No discussion
5. Open-Space Signs  
Katchen Coley has pictures at home and will bring in at the next meeting.
6. Bio Blitz  
Need donations for money. Check with Chamber of Commerce and R.E. Council. Bill Warner is checking with Pratt & Whitney
7. Other  
Listen to River project. The Commission should be making recommendations in potential issues on conservation. Kate Miller motions to draft a letter to testimony development. Nancy Kiniry seconds the motion. Approved.

F. New Business

1. Farm Viability Grant  
Kate Miller suggested asking Bill Warner to consider a speaker (possibly an Environmental Lawyer) to come in and talk about this topic in an informational session. Motion was moved by Katchen Coley and seconded by Kate Miller. All in favor.

G. Correspondence

- “The Habitat”
- “CACIWC” handout
- “CT Land Use” Schedule of Courses

H. Member Forum

- A discussion ensued regarding the vacancy on the Commission board and asked for suggestion for appointments.
- Howard Reid discussed the Crystal Lake horse property at the Herrman property. Mr. Reid updated the Commission with information on Inland Wetlands.

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 PM.. Approved unanimously.