

**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2001**

MINUTES

PRESENT

S. Stoane
N. Kiniry
J. Beatty
M. Graves
H. Reid
E. Lukens
D. O'Brien

ABSENT

L. Tundermann
G. Rankin
K. Coley
J. Killian
J. Fortuna
L. Holder

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

S. Stoane, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m., in Room 208 of the Municipal Building.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. The minutes of July 12th and September 25, 2001 were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the July 12th and September 25, 2001 minutes as presented.

Moved by J. Beatty; seconded by H. Reid

Approved unanimously with E. Lukens, and J. Brawerman abstaining

C. Officers and Committee Reports

Mr. Sipperly distributed a resolution to be sponsored by Councilman Ron Klattenburg, for the Ed Markuch open space land acquisition. The resolution acknowledges Mr. Markuch years of farming and the gift donation of this land to the City. The resolution was reviewed.

Motion: To endorse this resolution to be presented by the Council at their next meeting.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

Discussion ensued regarding doing this for all acquisitions.

S. Stoane reported that the Open Space Subcommittee will have to meet to discuss the fall grant round that is due November 15, 2001. The members of the committee are as follows: J. Beatty, S. Stoane, L. Tundermann, K. Coley, E. Lukens, L. Holder.

Staff will send an agenda and mailing when a date and time is selected.

D. Old Business

1. Open Space Brochure

J. Sipperly reported that the final draft has been completed and shared a copy with the members present.

Young's printing is printing this when they have time in between larger jobs. The final copies will be printed within the next two weeks. The water and Sewer Department will assist in a mailout in conjunction with the Water & Sewer bills.

2. Plan of Conservation and Development

J. Sipperly reported that the Plan is being resurrected and is being reviewed again by all city agencies. Public Hearings will be scheduled for December-January. Mr. Sipperly distributed chapters relevant to the commission Natural Environment and Open Space as well as displaying a complete version of the most recent draft of the plan dated February 2001. Updates will be given at the next meeting.

3. The Mattabasset Management Plan

J. Sipperly reported that he was in attendance at the last meeting of the Steering Committee. The Soil and Water Conservation Service can no longer assume the role as lead sponsor. The group has decided to form subcommittee's to work on specific goals and objectives. They are looking for funding to hire a coordinator to manage the program. J. Sipperly is on a fund raising committee looking for grant money.

4. I-3 Zone (Maromas Area)

Recently there was discussion both in the paper and at the Planning and Zoning meetings regarding this area.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is in the process of drafting land use regulations for this zone. This will probably be done after the elections in November. Staff will keep the Commission posted.

5. Trail\Guide Middlesex Community College

S. Stoane and E. Lukens are working to organize and assemble the maps and the descriptions. The woman working with them from the Community College should be contacted to keep her up to date.

6. Other

Celebration of Middletown Farmers

At the last meeting this idea came up. D. O'Brien has researched some information and would like to share it with L. Tundermann, M. Graves, and N. Kiniry who are also interested in this idea. A subcommittee will meet to discuss this issue further.

E. New Business

1. Public Relations

This item was tabled.

2. Fall Hike

J. Sipperly discussed the possibility of having another field trip at Higby Mountain. A date of November 24, 2001 was discussed. J. Sipperly will contact G. Russo and coordinate this. A flyer will be developed and distributed. Staff will try to get an article in the paper

3. Other

J. Beatty mentioned that the Wetland Commission is redrafting their regulations to include a wider regulated area for review. Also a ticket issuing system will be established so that W. Bell can issue tickets for violations of erosion and sedimentation control measures.

F. Correspondence

The CACIWAC Dinner will be October 25th in Meriden.

G. Public Forum

No one from the public in attendance

H. Member Forum

I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Moved J. Beatty\seconded by N. Kiniry

approved unanimously