

**MINUTES OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2001**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT

S. Stoane  
J. Beatty  
E. Lukens  
N. Kiniry  
M. Graves  
L. Tundermann  
J. Fortuna  
L. Holder  
J. Brawerman

ABSENT

D. O'Brien  
H. Reid  
G. Rankin  
J. Killian  
K. Coley

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

S. Stoane, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., in Room 208 of the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

B. The minutes of October 18, 2001 were reviewed.

S. Stoane wanted to change item #5.

Trail Guide: To state: No progress has been made on the trail guide because of other concerns that needed their attention and will be postponed to later in the fall.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by J. Fortuna

Approved unanimously with L. Holder and J. Fortuna abstaining

C. Officers and Committee Reports

No reports given

D. Old Business

## 1. Open Space Brochure

J. Sipperly received 11,000 copies of the brochure and distributed them to the commission members. Copies will be mailed to the public via the water and sewer bills. It will also be distributed in other locations such as the library, Rockfall Foundation and other City Departments.

## 2. Plan of Conservation and Development

K. Coley gave E. Lukens copies of the comments and they were distributed and reviewed by the members. Earlier comments were sent to Mr. Buckhurst directly last year. E. Lukens reported it appears not many changes were made. The Commission questioned why the comments were not all included. The discussion was further tabled to the next meeting. Members were urged to read the documents for the next meeting.

## 3. The Mattabasset Management Plan

Mr. Sipperly reported that the stakeholder group has been split up into subcommittees. The subcommittees are in the process of formulizing their priorities, goals and objectives.

## 4. I-3 Zone (Maromas Area)

Mr. Sipperly reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission has a new makeup of members due to elections. They will be focusing on modifying the I-3 land use regulations. Discussion ensued regarding this commission working with the Planning & Zoning on this issue.

Motion: To send a letter to Planning & Zoning requesting a discussion with them on the Maromas land use regulations.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by L. Tundermann

Approved unanimously

## 5. Trail Guide (Middlesex Community College)

No progress has been made on this project

## 6. Open Space Acquisition

In the form of a committee report, E. Lukens reported that the open space committee did not pursue an open space grant this round. We have contacted people and told them we are waiting for the next round in the spring.

7. Celebration of Middletown Farmers

- E. O'Brien is not present who had some ideas after he completed some research. This may be a spring initiative in conjunction with Earth Day.

8. Other

Mr. Beatty reported that the wetland commission is considering new regulations. There are 2 major points

1. fining for violations and
2. establishing an upland review area.

Traprock Ridge Protection Regulations

This was discussed by Commission members present to send this back to the Planning and Zoning for adoption. Len Tundermann offered having a workshop on this issue, Perhaps covering Maromas and the Trap Rock Ridge Protection Regulations.

Staff will make copies of the proposed traprock ridge protection regulations for the commission

Motion: To re-present the trap rock ridge protection regulations to the Planning & Zoning Commission as soon as possible.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

Discussion ensued regarding sending the Planning & Zoning one letter covering all the issues Len Tundermann discussed completing the planning process before we implement it.

Liz Holder made a motion to send an introductory letter to the Planning & Zoning Commission, to work in a constructive and productive manner and offer help on the issues of Maromas, Plan of Conservation & Development and Trap Rock Ridge Protection and possibly set up a joint meeting.

Seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

Staff will draft a letter and send it to the chair for review prior to it being sent.

F. New Business

1. Public Regulations

This item was tabled.

2. Fall Hike – November 24, 2001, 10:00 a.m., Higby Reservoir

Mr. Sipperly reported that he contacted G. Russo from the Water and Sewer Department and has made arrangements. He will develop a flyer and contact the papers for a press release. Commission members are urged to attend. Public Access may list this event.

This is also good public relations.

3. Meeting Time

Motion: To move the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Moved by L. Tundermann\seconded by J. Fortuna

approved with all members voting yes and J. Beatty voting no.

Other:

Discussion of a Rockfall grant to put signage up on open space properties. Vinal Tech may be able to make signs as well.

The new properties should also be marked as the limits of the open space parcels.

G. Correspondence

Copy of the CT Green Plan was received

Staff will copy it for everyone

H. Public Forum – No one from the public was in attendance

I. Possibilities for Earth Day Celebration was discussed.

J. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna\seconded by J. Beatty

