

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**Regular Meeting of November 14, 2006**

PRESENT

Sheila Stoane  
Kate Miller  
Howard Reid  
Katchen Coley  
Jane Brawerman  
Michael Ennis  
Ellen Lukens  
Nancy Kiniry  
Len Tunderman

ABSENT

Norm Zimmer  
Steven Ladd  
David O'Brien  
Jim Fortuna

OTHERS PRESENT

A. Call to Order

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 October 12, 2006

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

E. Old Business

1. Trail Guide

There is a balance of \$2,928 plus \$112 from Kate in the trail guide fund. Sheila will get estimates for reprinting the guides. The Commission also needs a list of any changes and additions to the Guide and the members will email Sheila with suggested changes.

One suggestion was for an addition of the Trails behind Middlesex Community College. Another suggestion was to try and find Grant Money to hire someone to do this.

Trail Maintenance: Ask Kegwin community service students to blaze some trails.

2. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Kate, December - Green Giving  
Student – January  
Katchen , March Legislation

3. Open Space Status

\$230,000 left to Bond monies. A motion was made by Ellen Lukens and Seconded by Katchen Coley to purchase two (2) properties with this money.

4. Development of Guidelines for Landscaping Plans

No discussion

This item to be deleted

5. Open-Space Signs

There was a discussion and the item was tabled pending finding the trail markers

6. Bio Blitz

Moved to the December meeting

7. Other

Project Green Lawn Contest

F. New Business

1. Farm Viability Grant

The applications are due back November 30. A new round of grants to promote state agriculture.

New Federal Tax incentives re Conservation Easements

Joint grant for trees with Urban Forestry Commission. Katchen and Ellen will follow up

Public Forum: Michael Ennis suggested inviting Middlesex Land Trust to speak to the Commission. Jane Brawerman will bring information to the next meeting. Other recommendations for guest speakers are as follows: Linda Bowers of the Conservation Easements, farm property and Ron Klattenberg of Kleen Energy. A suggestion was also made to invite property owners.

Preservation of Stonewalls: Kate Miller recommended this topic. Nancy Kiniry said there may be tax breaks.

G. Correspondence

UCONN Extension Center is having a seminar Thursday, November 16 at the Courtyard.

Letter to mayor from DEP

Letter to mayor re: Maromas

H. Member Forum

Ask Bill Warner to bring Developers plans to Conservation Commission meeting before plans are to be seen by the Wetlands Commission.

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at        PM.. Approved unanimously.