

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF  
Regular Meeting of December 8, 2005**

PRESENT

Sheila Stoane  
David O'Brien  
Howard Reid  
Steven Ladd  
Katchen Coley  
Nancy Kiniry  
Kate Miller  
Len Tundermann  
Ellen Lukens  
Laura Hall @ 7:25  
Jane Brawerman @ 7:21  
Mike Ennis

ABSENT

Jim Fortuna  
Jerry Rankin

OTHERS PRESENT

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm in Room 208 in the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

C. Public Forum

None

D. Minutes of November 10, 2005

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

E. Old Business

1. Trail Guides

A – Addendum

The Commission needs to get new maps for the new properties and mark the trails. A new map for the Blue Trail should be advertised. A reminder to the Commissioners to make sure they read Michiel's weekly emails.

2. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Michael Ennis stated that he needs articles. Kate Mille did an article for the Middletown Press "Ecological Gift Giving". Millane Nursery also agreed to write an article.

There is an article about agricultural changes. (Not everyone agrees with the idea to solicit other companies to write articles.) \*Ask Barbara to write an article for the next edition in eleven (11) days. If not, Kate Miller will change her article for the January edition. A February article is still needed.

Need information regarding a link on the City website to be able to check on old issues. Laura Hall will call the High School to get volunteers for creating a conservation website.

3. Open Space Status

Commissioners voted to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. Out of executive session at 8:05 p.m.

4. Development of Guidelines for Landscaping Plans.

This is being worked on.

5. Other

Discussion about workshops and brochures to increase and encourage education.

Ellen Lukens brought up bioblitz in Middletown. 2007 Vets Park Trap Rock Ridges.

F. New Business

Ellen Lukens suggested that Katchen bring an insert for the next packet regarding information and notes from the last training session which includes CACIWIC, East Haddam – Goodspeed, New Laws etc.

G. Correspondence

Letter from Russell Tong was discussed which was written a while ago to the Mayor regarding the corn cross at Guida.

H. Member Forum

Kate Miller discussed landfill hikes and kayak launch.

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 was moved by Len Tundermann and seconded by Ellen Lukens. Approved unanimously.