

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**December 10, 1998**

PRESENT

J. Brawerman  
J. Fortuna  
Coley  
J. Beatty  
J. Marhevka  
E. Lukens  
A. Siniscalchi  
K. Humphrey  
L. Tundermann

STAFF PRESENT

James Sipperly

ABSENT

D. Filer  
M. DeRosier                   K.  
S. Stoane

GUESTS

John Frielander  
Jim Moreli  
Jim Tighe  
Larry Buck  
Ron Klattenberg @ 7:55 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Alan Siniscalchi called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

B. Minutes of October 8, 1998

Questions arose regarding the completeness of the minutes.

Mr. Marhevka would like clarification on the discussion and motion regarding the chairman representing the commission relative to meetings in other towns regarding the cellular towers and other issues.

K. Coley would like more detail on the Midstate review regarding the trolley line, the Rockfall grant and the Silvio Conte correspondence.

Chairman A. Siniscalchi stated that the minutes of October 8th and November 12 will be tabled until further clarification.

C. Officers and Committee Reports

Mr. Sipperly distributed copies of the Wesleyan study on Middletown's Traprock Ridge Protection Program. This will be discussed at the next meeting when everyone has had a chance to read it. A second study conducted by Wesleyan students regarding Open Space Issues will be copied and mailed to the Commission.

## D. Committee Reports

Len Tundermann reported that the Open Space Committee has been reconstituted and has started meeting again.

The committee is reviewing the previous list of properties. A map has been printed using GIS that is a worksheet showing the locations of the parcels. The committee would like to submit an application for State Open Space bond funds.

Mr. Sipperly will develop a list of the subcommittees and their respective members.

## E. New Business

### 1. Trap Rock Ridge Protection, Cellular Towers and Regional Issues

Mr. Siniscalchi reported in great detail the workshop sponsored by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. On cellular towers Mr. Branse has developed handouts which staff will try to obtain copies. E. Lukens will distribute copies of her notes from this meeting. The Town of Windsor has developed regulations concerning cell towers.

Mr. Sipperly reported that he is pursuing and organizing a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission hosted by this commission to discuss trap rock ridge protection issues with Attorney Mark Branse.

## F. Old Business

### 1. Westlake Trolley Line Bikeway

Mr. Sipperly reported that the D.O.T. is reviewing the applications previously reviewed by Midstate. Mr. Sipperly has not had a response from Geoff Colegrove regarding the selection process.

Mr. Sipperly also reported that the Westlake Bikeway currently under construction is nearly complete. Final grading and seeding is needed in some areas. Also signage will have to be installed and a grand opening will be planned in the spring. People are using it regularly for walking, running, biking and rollerblading.

### 2. Conservation Commission Open Space Brochure

A. Siniscalchi will contact Ms. Stoane for an update.

Motion: To modify the agenda to have Public forum and then member forum follow #2 Old business.

Moved by J. Marhevka\seconded by J. Beatty; approved unanimously

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## H. Public Forum

Ronald Klattenberg, 22 Round Hill Road is in attendance tonight as a liaison from the Park and Recreation Commission. He will be serving in that capacity.

Larry Buck addressed the commission with several concerns. The main issue he wanted the commission to be concerned with is the bad condition of Stantack Road. He stated that the land trust recently acquired property and if the public will be going there\ Stantack Road should be improved. He also spoke about problems with trespassers and all terrain vehicles.

Jim Tighe also spoke about problems he has had with trespassers and illegal dumping. He also discussed the lack of response from the police department when he calls about investigating parties at night. He also talked about the problem with all terrain vehicles. He also reported that he would like the commission to look at the problems and support the upgrading of Stantack Road.

Jim Morelli also a property owner on Lamentation concurred with Mr. Buck and Mr. Tighe. He also spoke of illegal dumping. He stated that if the road was passable to police vehicles he feels that would solve some problems. He requested that the commission work with the private landowners. He would also like a better communication from the commission concerning trap rock ridge protection.

## I. Member Forum

Jane Brawerman who lives near Ravine Park, discussed the problems occurring there with illegal dumping of yard waste specifically twigs and leaves. She asked the Commission what could be done about this problem. Mr. Sipperly responded that this sort of situation occurs a lot and the people in the neighborhood have the best chance of seeing the dumping occur and should get descriptions of cars etc. to forward to the police department.

K. Coley suggested that signs be installed by the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Siniscalchi recommended contacting Park and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department.

K. Coley asked the commission to be a sponsor of a meeting to be held in March at Wesleyan University on Invasive Plant Species. She distributed copies of the symposium agenda. Members will be needed to assist.

Motion: To add our name to the sponsor list.

Moved by K. Coley\seconded by J. Beatty; approved unanimously

J. Marhevka thanked the property owners for attending and referenced information he received via a letter addressed to him personally from the Lamentation Mountain Area. 3.

A. Siniscalchi received a request from Bill Warner for budget requests. K. Coley talked about adding a line item in the budget for open space funds so it can accumulate in future years. Discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Motion: To recommend and request a line item in the budget for \$100,000 for the acquisition and management of open space.

Moved by: K. Coley; Len Tundermann seconded; approved by the commission members present with J. Marhevka opposed and J. Beatty abstaining

Motion: To request \$500 in the budget for operating expenses.

Moved by L. Tundermann, seconded by J. Marhevka; approved unanimously

E. Lukens left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Sipperly will mail meeting dates out to the commission for the upcoming year.

Motion: To adjourn this portion of the meeting

Moved by J. Marhevka; seconded by J. Fortuna; approved unanimously

J. Beatty requested a 5 minute recess.

Motion: To move into executive session at 10:25 p.m. pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Moved by L. Tundermann; seconded by J. Marhevka

A. Sinisclach left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

The commission came out of executive session at 10:45 p.m., no motions were made.

The Open Space Committee would like to walk property on Sunday December 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: To adjourn at 10:46 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna; seconded by J. Beatty; approved unanimously