

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

December 11, 1997

PRESENT

A. Siniscalchi
K. Humphrey
K. Coley
L. Tundermann
M. Knight
Beatty
J. Fortuna
S. Stoane

ALSO PRESENT

ABSENT

D. Filer
J. Brawerman
E. Lukens
M. DeRosier
E. Roberts T.

*NOTE: Tape was set for voice activation and is often interrupted

A. Chairman Alan Siniscalchi called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

J. Beatty and J. Fortuna have full voting status tonight as alternates.

B. Minutes

1.) May 8, 1997 Regular Meeting

Motion: To accept minutes of May 8, 1997

Moved by: J. Fortuna; seconded by M. Knight

Approved unanimously with S. Stoane, and J. Beatty abstaining.

2. October 9, 1997 Regular Meeting

Motion: To accept minutes of October 9, 1997 and November 13, 1997.

Moved by S. Stoane; seconded by L. Tundermann; approved unanimously

L. Tundermann noted that there are two “n’s” at the end of his name.

The minutes were approved unanimously

1. Officer's Report

Alan Siniscalchi stated that staff is working on setting up a time to meet with the mayor. This meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.

2. Open Space Preservation - L. Tundermann

The committee will prioritize the existing list of properties and focus on the properties with the most potential for acquisition. Mr. Siniscalchi would like all the properties reviewed that are on the present list before any recommendations are made. The commission will visit the sites with the most likelihood of being acquired.

3. Natural Resource Inventory - J. Brawerman

This committee was given an assignment at the last meeting to evaluate the Newfield Street corridor and report their findings to the Planning and Zoning Commission. At the commissions request Bill Warner issued an extension to the Conservation Commission as to when comments are to be received.

Jane Brawerman and Alan Siniscalchi will give a preliminary report as soon as possible.

4. City Commissions Liaison

Chairman Alan Siniscalchi has spoken to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Roberts has decided not to run for Vice-Chair or a committee chairman.

Ms. Coley questioned if Mr. Roberts would resign from the Commission

Mr. Siniscalchi stated that Mr. Roberts has expressed interest in remaining on the Commission.

Mr. Siniscalchi welcomed Councilman Gerry Daley to the meeting.

Mr. Siniscalchi mentioned that the Governor's Task Force on Open Space is currently drafting a report on recommendations for funding.

5. Park Liaison Committee

Some new appointments have been made to the Park and Recreation Commission and staff is working on setting up a dual meeting with them.

6. CACIWC

This group is sponsoring another series of training supplementing the DEP's training program.

Mr. Siniscalchi stated that the annual dinner was very well attended and the topic of vernal pools was an interesting one.

7. Mattabeset River Watershed Association

No one present tonight to give a report.

D. Old Business

1. Discussion of the destruction of trails due to off road vehicles and control options.

2. Open Space Jurisdiction and management

3. Open Space Preservation process and update.

4. Ridgetop Protection Regulations

General discussion ensued regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission's handling of the public hearings regarding this matter.

5. Brochure

Sheila Stoane had assembled a packet for distribution to the people who have agreed to assist in the brochure development. In addition to the packet, Mr. Sipperly is working on maps that will serve as a base map, so that as people review the property they can inventory certain features specific to a certain parcel. Ms. Stoane would like the maps to go out before the first of the year.

Ms. Stoane would like an update on members, names, addresses, telephones, etc.

6. Photo Contest - Prizes

One photo contest prize has been received by staff from Bacon Brothers Hardware. A 500 watt work light that is portable with a retail value of \$25.00 was received. Mr. Siniscalchi stated that he is working on securing other prizes as well.

7. Newfield Street Corridor Study

Discussion ensued regarding the Golf Course Projects

Motion: To adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Stoane; seconded by K. Humphrey; vote was unanimous

