

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

December 12, 1996

PRESENT

E. Roberts
M. DeRosier
K. Humphrey
J. Fortuna
L. Tundermann (7:20)
Brawerman (7:25)
J. Czuba, Jr. (8:02)

ALSO PRESENT

L. Bowers

ABSENT

A. Siniscalchi
D. Filer
K. Coley
M. Knight
S. Stoane J.
J. Beatty
E. Mandia

Vice Chairman Earle Roberts opened the meeting at 7:20 P.M. in Room B-15 in the Municipal Building.

A. Roll Call

No quorum was present until 7:25 p.m.

B. Minutes - Held over to the next meeting.

Officers' and Committee Reports

C. 1. Linda Bowers reported on transfer of Connecticut Valley Hospital lands. This generated a discussion on jurisdiction of these lands.

Linda Bowers reported on Bikeways Advisory Committee asking for time on January meeting for presentation on the River Road Linear Park proposal. It was agreed to put them on the agenda.

2. Open Space Preservation - Met on December 5, 1996. They would like to discuss criteria and list of properties to be reviewed with full Commission.

3. Natural Resource Inventory - No report

4. City Commissions Liaison - Linda Bowers reported that the Tricon Industrial application was denied by Planning and Zoning. A discussion followed on the proposed watershed protection regulations. Set up commission meeting for Jan. 2, 1997 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss.

5. Park Liaison Committee - Linda Bowers reported that Park & Recreation Commission endorsed the timbering of Guida Farm Conservation Area and endorsed the concept of a Revolving Fund.

6. CACIWC - No report

7. Mattabasset River Study - Jane Brawerman reported that the Association is organizing. Also Soil & Water Conservation District is submitting a grant application for a Mattabasset River canoe trail.

Len Tundermann seconded by Marie DeRosier made a motion to endorse grant application and ask Chair to write a letter. All were in favor with Jane Brawerman abstaining.

D. Old Business

Conservation Commission Handbook -

1. Len Tundermann seconded by James Fortuna made a motion to table this item. All were in favor.

Control of Destruction of Lamentation Mountain trails.

2. Ken Humphrey seconded by John Czuba, Jr. made a motion to table this item. All were in favor.

E. New Business

Open Space jurisdiction and management

1. No discussion was held on this item.

2. Tynan Park trail - Linda Bowers will start to draft a report addressing issues raised by Insurance Co. Could the State Attorney's office offer an opinion on how court decision affects "Natural areas" in municipalities.

Len Tundermann seconded by Marie DeRosier made a motion to ask staff to research this question. All were in favor.

F. Correspondence - Members decided to pass around the video on Non Point Source pollution control.

G. Public Forum - None

H. Member Forum - Jane Brawerman offered volunteer opportunities at the Riverwatch insect lab identification workshops in January and February of 1997.

Marie DeRosier spoke about the process of approving reimbursing Marino for the Phase II environmental study and the discussion that occurred at the Common Council Meeting.

A discussion followed on how this type of work requirement will be handled in future negotiations.

It was agreed to put on a future agenda on item regarding negotiation of future open space properties.

I. Adjournment

James Fortuna seconded by Marie DeRosier made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

