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### **1.0 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Co-chairman Harriet Wilber called the August meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Shelton City Hall, Room 303. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending: Harriet Wilber, Terry Jones, Tom Harbinson, Hank Lauriat, Joe Welsh, Bill Dyer, Jimmy Pjura, Conservation Agent.

Not Attending: Jim Tate, Ed McCreery

Guests: Paul Balko, Barry Mucci, Michael O'Bymachow, Roger Spinelli.

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2004**

At 7:16 p.m. Tom Harbinson made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2004. Hank Lauriat seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

### **3.0 Public Portion**

There was no one in the meeting for the Public Portion.

### **4.0 Report of Jim Ryan - Enterprise and Commerce Park**

Jim was unable to attend the meeting.

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### Communications

The following communications were received:

1. An insert entitled *Taking of Land by the City Eminent Domain* from the Huntington Herald regarding Canal Street. It is the property next to the Veterans' Park.
2. The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters bulletin which states all our legislators and their environmental score cards.
3. Two booklets from Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company for people who own land along the pipeline which included a public awareness message from Iroquois Pipeline regarding information for landowners who have easements along their property.
4. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut booklet which included information about its plans to install a flow monitoring parshall flume at the Farmill Dam in Shelton, CT. Joe W. stated there is a new State regulation about releasing a portion of the water that is coming in. On some of the other spillways they have devices to measure the flow. Joe W. asked if it affects our property downstream. Harriet W. answered the City has open space below Isinglass Reservoir on Farmill Road and the Land Trust has land downstream. Tom H. said he would look at the map.

### 5.0 Subdivisions

#### - Buddington Road, 10 lot subdivision on 14 acres, Barry Mucci

Paul Balko, licensed land surveyor in Shelton, presented maps of the area and distributed small sketched maps of the property. He said Mr. Mucci is trying to develop two parcels of land into a 10 lot subdivision with a PRD regulation. The PRD calls for 20 acres minimum, but if it adjoins an existing open space it can be of a lesser minimum. On the sketched map he showed an open space area owned by the City and the proposed subdivision and the open space corridor which would be given to the town. This corridor would be along the wetlands and the stream corridor that is already there. This open space area would be about 3-1/2 acres, possibly more depending

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how the subdivision is figured.

It would be tied into the open space lots of No. 0S62 and 0S104. Mr. Balko added that when Mr. Mucci did another subdivision about 5 years ago on Buddington Road, he deeded Open Space 104 which was about 10 acres. Mr. Balko said the open space corridor would give them access all the way through from the power lines on Buddington Road to Old Kings Highway and would tie into a stream easement that flows out of Grace Lane. That would tie into the connector right through to Grace Lane.

Harriet asked what the regulations say in a PRD about open space. Mr. Mucci answered it was 15,000 square feet per buildable lot. She asked if they are acre lots. They range from 20,000 square feet and larger.

Mr. Balko said it was an R01 zone, but a PRD could be done. Harriet asked did he look at a CRD. Mr. Mucci said CRD's are a one for one, and it doesn't help him because they were looking for a couple of extra lots. He said he got two extra lots by using a PRD.

Mr. Balko said the lots would be serviced with city water and would be putting in sewage ejector pumps tying into an existing sewer line which is near Grace Lane. Of the 3-1/2 acres, he hasn't computed the amount of dry land and the amount of wet land, but he said there would probably be more dry than actual wetlands for a stream corridor. In addition, he said there would be a decent walking path that could be built along the open space areas.

The Commission discussed the combining of the two parcels and the open space on the map. Harriet W. stated in her opinion, if it is not all wet on the open space, they did a good job of that, and she likes the idea of the connecting. But, she doesn't like the increase in density even it is only 2 lots; it is a bad way to go for subdivisions. The idea is to get the 25% open space, as in a CRD, but unfortunately, but visually they also look too crowded in some cases, also.

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Tom H. asked what is the total acreage. Mr. Balko answered the two parcels combined is a total acreage of 11-1/2 acres and open space dedication is 3.2/3.5 and there is some steep slopes. Mr. Balko said the requirements for the PRD are the amount of wetlands and 25% slopes. Then, the number of lots are figured that can be built. Also, based on the use of sewers and city waters, this lot count is multiplied by 1.2. This resulted in him being able to build 10 lots if PZC allows him to have a PRD.

Mr. Balko stated he has not gone to the Inland Wetlands Commission. Tom H. said the Commission could not give an approval yet because the Inland Wetlands Commission has to see the subdivision plans first.

Tom H. stated the proposed open space in this subdivision does make the pedestrian access better by having access to Buddington Road and the Old Kings Highway right-of-way and adjacent to the other open space, but he doesn't like the density either. He added, in regard to open space and trails in back of lots, unless there is some clear delineation of where those lots lines are, the Commission tends to find encroachments over time, and it becomes someone's backyard. In addition, Tom H. said he would like to have some monumenting of the corner of the lots, whether it is with vegetation or a split rail fence. Also, he told Mr. Balko to avoid invasive species especially along the open space in landscaping planting because on properties in other developments there have been plantings that turned out to be invasive species, such as fire bushes.

Tom H. said he likes to see on the map not just the development, but what is around it and information such as the total parcel acreage and total qualified open space. Terry J. stated the Commission would take a field walk on the property so the Commission will be much more knowledgeable when Mr. Mucci and Mr. Balko come back to the Commission. Tom H. told them to coordinate the field walk with Jimmy P. Mr. Mucci and Mr. Balko gave the Commission a map of the property and left the meeting.

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- Independence Drive, 2 lot subdivision, Roger Spinelli

A map of the property was presented. Harriet W. stated the Commission talked about this a couple of months ago. Mr. Spinelli said he wanted to come back because after they looked at all the wetlands, they reconfigured everything, but the Commission will get the same amount of open space. They are trying to do something more practical on the driveways rather than crossover the more extensive portion of the wetlands.

Michael O'Bymachow, engineer, said looking at the map, there will be more detail on how the lot configuration will go. He pointed out the old conservation line and would like to get 4 lots on the property. He explained the open space corridor. He stated after field locations regarding the open space trail on the south side of the property, the trail is on his property. So, they will give some land to the Commission for the trail to remain. The Commission discussed the trail line when Mr. O'Bymachow it pointed out. Tom said if the trail could be moved a bit, the general topography could be used by the cross country team. Where it is steep in some areas, the trail could be made more gradual on those tracts. Tom H. described the route of the trail used by the cross country team which is called the Turkey Trot Trail.

Discussing the size of the 4 lots, to cut the new trail, Tom said two of the lots were oversized and asked if the lot lines could be shrunk down a bit and pushed back on each in order to get good open space in the back of lot 4. Mr. Spinelli's concern was he didn't want someone going through a person's backyard. Mr. Spinelli thought there could be a better way, but said steep grades are there. He then said it could be looked into.

Terry stated Mr. Spinelli will still get 4 lots, but the purpose of the project a year ago was to get significant open space.

Tom H. stated another reason to have the lots pushed back would be if there is any clearing on lot 4, it would open the lot wide open towards the power line

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corridor which now has a nice natural, rugged feel. If a house is built there, it would leave a scar on the view. Mr. Spinelli and Mr. O'Bymachow stated the lots could be pushed back and talked about shifting the lots.

Terry J. stated as much of lot 3 and 4 should be kept wooded for the public benefit. Mr. O'Bymachow said another option would be to put in a conservation easement. Terry J. answered maybe a combination. Mr. O'Bymachow told Mr. Spinelli there would be no clear cutting.

The Commission and the developers discussed the location of the house on lot 4. The access into the open space from Independence Drive will be a 4 foot walking trail along the driveway to lot 4.

Terry J. suggested to Mr. Spinelli that he move the lot lines of lots 3 and 4 further east to expand the open space along Turkey Trot Trail and for the Commission to go for a site walk of the property. Mr. Spinelli stated he will take the Commission's suggestion and reconfigure the property and will incorporate our suggestions to protect the trail, but will also place a conservation easement on the property so there will be no clear cutting. Mr. Spinelli stated there are 40 feet setbacks on interior lots and whatever the Commission does, it will have to fit in with that. Tom H. and Terry J. encouraged Mr. Spinelli to give as much open space in fee.

Mr. Spinelli said he will go forward with the Inland Wetlands application this month and will file it next week, but will keep the Commission informed to so it will know what is happening. They will meet the Commission for a site walk. Terry stated there will be very marketable four lots, but the long-term public interest here is important. Tom H. said there is a study that when there is open space and passive trails near the property, it does add to its value and if it can be delineated in a better fashion with no conflicts in the future, it is a win-win for everybody. Tom H. added Mr. Spinelli should coordinate through Jimmy P. for a time to meet the

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Commission at the site. Mr. Spinelli and Mr. O'Bymachow left the meeting leaving the Commission a map of the property.

### - Shelton Heights Industrial Park, Lot 32

At the August meeting Vince Cuminotto spoke to the Commission about wanting to give open space on the Ivy Brook, Shelton Heights Industrial property, but does not want to give it until he is finished with the development.

Harriet said she was hoping Jimmy P. would have looked at the map Mr. Cuminotto submitted to PZC so we could tell if it was labeled properly. The Commission had told him how to label it. Jimmy P. answered he didn't do it. Tom H. told him to check with Rick Schultz tomorrow to see if his PZC application map showed the open space labeled the way the Commission wants it to be.

Terry J. stated in regard to the Independence Drive 2 lot subdivision, the Commission should try its best to get that back part as open space because it is far more valuable than open space in another area. He said the Commission should work with PZC to alert them in order to get support to protect this area. Terry J. said we have wilderness right in the heart of the City and that is worth protecting and as long as the developer gets his four lots, it would be a shame if we leave the legacy of wilderness right there.

Terry J. stated the Commission should write a letter to PZC telling them the Commission knows the Independence Drive project will be presented to Inland Wetlands Commission for their comments, and with all due respect, the Commission wants to alert the PZC of a matter concerning the public interest in one of the most awesome vistas. He said we want to preserve the wilderness quality of Shelton as in this parcel, near Silent Waters Reservoir, because of its uniqueness in the center of the City.

Tom H. said he would draft a letter and E-mail it around to everybody to give him their comments.

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At 8:16 p.m. Tom H. made a motion to draft a letter to PZC commenting on the Independence Drive subdivision. Seconded by Hank Lauriat. All in favor; Motion passed.

Terry J. said it is not a stressed situation as there will be four lots. Tom replied it is just a matter of how it gets configured.

- Any Pending

Two Lots Subdivision

After a discussion of a two lot subdivision proposed by Geno Blakeman, Harriet W. thought this property had been previously talked about in a former meeting. The Commission did not comment further on this subdivision.

- Constitution Commons, Our Response, Jim

Jim Tate sent everyone an E-Mail response and the proposed letter was in our agenda packet. Tom H. asked if there were any thoughts or comments. Terry J. asked if it incorporated Ed M.'s comments. Harriet W. answered, she thought it did. The Commission perused and discussed Jim T.'s response. Tom H. said it was fine to him.

At 8:30 p.m. Tom H. made a motion to send the letter. Hank Lauriat seconded the motion.

Harriet checked the letter for spelling. The letter will be sent to Mayor Lauretti. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jimmy P. will put the letter on letterhead.

7.0 PUAC: Plan Update Advisory Committee - Jim, Tom

Tom H. stated this Committee is meeting every Monday. This Monday they met with Mr. Louis Marusic and Mr. Frank Pagliaro, Treasurer. The Committee got a copy of the Economic Improvement Plan which was very interesting reading. It is the 6-year capital budget plan consisting of all the different needs of the City's departments. Tom H. said they will assimilate all of this and spread it out over six years; so the Committee can see what kind of borrowing the City will need to do for these capital projects.

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The PUAC will be meeting next with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Board of Education to see their long-term plans. He said it is very interesting and very educational.

He stated Shelton has a very good bond rating. In addition, the Committee will be having public informational meetings. Planametrics will be publishing this in many ways. The Committee is trying to put an insert into the Connecticut Post. The ECDC does the Shelton Life and the Committee is trying to get a two-pager in that every quarter. It is trying a number of different ways through the newspapers to publicize the Committee's accomplishments to get more people at the public informational meetings. He doesn't have the date of the next public information meeting with him. The next one will be conservation.

### 1. Update of Open Space Plan

As Tom H. mentioned last month, he has the electronic version of what existed before which has gone through various word processing formats. He has distributed a draft of what he has finished so far at last month's meeting.

Tom H. stated at last month's meeting projects were divvied up. Harriet W. said some people were given assignments:

#### 1) Definitions of Open Space - Ed

Ed M. was not able to attend the present meeting.

Hank L. said Ed M. was going to have a meeting with two or three Commissioners to talk about the definitions, but did not, as far as he knew.

#### 2) Aquarion Land in Shelton - Joe

Joe W. said he didn't think there was anymore to buy. He thinks all of the land in Shelton was included in the land deal Aquarion made with the State so none would be for sale. Harriet W. stated the Aquarion president said there was some land on Birdseye Street, like a 15-acre piece that it still has. Joe thought it was part of the deal effort. Tom said the president

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must have mentioned it to Ed. M. Harriet asked Joe W. to find out about it.

- 3) Quality of Life Initiative - Harriet  
The Commission conducted a quality of life discussion.

- 13.0 Quality of Life - Possible Executive Session - Terry  
At 8:45 p.m. Tom Harbinson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing land land purchases. Seconded by Hank Lauriat. All in favor; the machine was turned off.

At 9:05 p.m. Tom Harbinson made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Hank Lauriat. All in favor and the machine was turned on.

- 8.0 Ordinance for Conservation Easement Violations - Ed  
The Commission wrote a letter to Atty. Tom Welch about this matter. Jimmy P. had a conversation with him about conservation easements which were encroached on at Nature's Way above Southbank. Jimmy P. told Atty. Welch he wanted to be sure about the problem and asked him for advice. He will say that at a later date.

Jimmy P. said he went to Nature's Way today and at two of the houses there is a hill and coming down from Nature's Way there is an open space area. Tom H. told Jimmy P. he has to verify if it is an open space or a conservation easement. Harriet said there isn't much open space there. There are mostly conservation easements. Tom H. told Jimmy P. to get what is on the record map for those parcels in regards to conservation easements. Find out what the definition of the easement is and copy it from what is in the town clerk's office in the land records. Tom H. said that is only what the Commission can enforce. Tom H. said each property has its own recording on its land property and to pick the ones that have the cuts done on them. Then, if there is nothing recorded, go to PZC to ask if they have an approval that had a conservation easement on it. If they say yes, tell them there was nothing recorded. If they say no, then the Commission has reached an impasse there is no conservation easement. They could cut that whole hillside.

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Jimmy P. said he talked to Atty. Welch about the ordinance. When Jimmy P. showed him the file, he said there are ordinances that have specific monetary fines for that kind of cutting down trees and limbs. Harriet said that is for open space and not for conservation easements. Harriet said the Commission has one now for open space, but not for conservation easements. Jimmy P. asked if open space and conservation easements are the same. Hank L. answered no, open space is property owned by the City for the benefit of the City and the conservation easement is owned by the property owner, however, the owner is restricted by the easement from cutting down trees. If he does cut down trees on his property which is protected with the conservation easement, Ed M. wrote the Ordinance for Conservation Easement Violations to give the City enforcement power. Harriet W. said the Commission sent Atty. Welch a letter for his input on the Ordinance for Conservation Easements, but Atty. Welch has not answered the request, as yet.

Terry J. stated a member of the Commission should call Atty. Welch about the matter. He will do this.

**9.0 Modification of PZC Subdivision Regulations - Ed**  
Ed M. could not attend the meeting.

**10.0 Trails Committee - Bill, Jim, Tom**

1. Trails Equipment

Bill Dyer stated they received three quotes for the hydraulic lift for the gator. Martinka is the lowest quotes. Bill D. said he needs \$600 and a charge number. They have two grants that have money remaining. One that has \$13,240 and one that has \$5,829.

**At 9:16 p.m. Tom Harbinson made a motion to have the hydraulic lift purchased from Martinka's because it had the lowest quote. The money is to come from the grant that was also used to purchase the gator.**

**Hank Lauriat seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.**

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Bill D. said he will tell Sandy Nesteriak what the Commission has done.

### 2. Scout Projects

They have two Scout groups interested in projects. One is interested in a kiosk at the entrance of Turkey Trot Trail, putting in more permanent markers and widening the trails crossing the power lines. The other possibility could be the Abbey Wright clean-up. Harriet W. presented a copy of an article from the Huntington Herald in case a project is needed for Scouts. The article suggested labeling our storm drains. Tom H. said that is a good project for a Scout to do and mentioned most Scouts will get involved on projects from Teresa's website or from Jimmy Pjura.

### 3. Trails Brochures

Bill D. said he hasn't talked to Dave Zamba. Bill D. stated every time he goes to the Community Center every two weeks, the half page leaflets that Bill D. produced showing the trail locations are gone, and he has to replenish them.

### 4. Grants

There is nothing new to report on the status of the \$49K grant submitted in February for the dam break bridge and railings. Bill D. will probably know something by the end of the month or in September.

### 5. Recreation Path

1) One area that is being worked on is from the Pine Lake bridge to Meadow Street. The Trails Committee from time to time weed whack it. The Mayor said he will have the Parks and Recreation Department do it when the grass stops growing.

2) Where the Turkey Trot Trail portion crosses over Constitution Boulevard and runs toward the Route 108 part of the Turkey Trot Trail, some work could easily be done with a backhoe to help widen the trail and make it an easier trail for baby carriages.

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3) The Trails Committee decided to do a significant plan in November for the Huntington Woods part of this trail. After dieback, the Trails Committee has to find out exactly where they want the trail including details for the use of \$60,000 from the contractor. Hopefully, there will be some feedback by November from Basil Dikovsky to get access to the little triangle piece to either own it or have an easement.

Tom H. stated the Recreation Path is a major project that a lot of people have put in a lot of time on for so many years. It has to make known that this is a project that has to move forward. Terry J. said some of the Commission should go to the Parks and Recreation meeting for the position that any progress on a municipal golf course should not supercede the Recreation Path because it's been work in progress for 10 years. He said there will be far more use of the Recreation Path than a municipal golf course and should be the priority. The Commission discussed the help from the volunteers to keep the trail open and the professional services of others writing specifications and grants.

In addition, Tom stated PZC had Huntington Woods on their last agenda regarding a request for use from the Huntington Woods Trust Fund. Jimmy P. had information about it. Tom said they want to see a detailed project description before the release of funds and told Bill D. to make a detailed list of what is needed.

Also, regarding the Recreation Path, Tom stated there was an Inland Wetlands permit for the portion that goes on the new Intermediate School parcel from Constitution Boulevard to the intersection of the sidewalk system. He asked Jimmy P. to talk to John Cook to see about renewing that permit, if it hasn't already expired.

### 6. Work Project Schedule

There will be a work project scheduled for the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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7. Blazing and the Shelton Trails Website  
Teresa Gallagher did a great job of re-blazing the trails in Shelton Lakes, as well as maintaining the website. They do get good feedback from people wanting to help. She also made and inserted new information signs into the 3 kiosks at Pine Lake, Route 108 power lines, and Hope Lake. The effort is greatly appreciated.
  8. Problem  
The City is dumping brush and stumps on the Abbey Wright area next to the Knell's Rock Trail. Tom H. said in regard to ATVs, the Shelton Police Department has two ATVs in their 6 year capital request and there may be some grant at another time for purchasing an ATV for the police that could help to maintain, and patrol our trails.
  9. Huntington Woods - Jimmy P.  
This was already discussed in the meeting.
  10. Joan Donofrio - Jimmy P.  
Jimmy P. said he talked with Ms. Donofrio. She has not decided on a price for her property because she still has to do some research. He said he walked the property and took some pictures which he passed around in the meeting. Now, she is in California.
  11. Bridge #2 Delivery - Tom H.  
Tom H. stated he noticed when he drives by he has seen concrete abutments in place and hopefully a bridge will be on its way. It is graded to Means Brook. Tom H. said the Mayor is handling the delivery of the bridge.
- 11.0 Open Space Inventory - Jim**  
Tom H. said Jim passed it out in our last informal meeting. It isn't easy to get a copy.
- 12.0 Report of Conservation Agent - Jimmy Pjura**
1. Landkeepers' Program
    - a) He has signed on two more people. As soon as more maps are finished by Dave in the engineering department, Jimmy P. will meet the people and give them the maps. They

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will be walked to the open space they will be monitoring.

### 2. Violations of Open Space

#### a) Pearmain Road

Mr. Naples, the homeowner, was correct in regard to where his property line and driveway are. Tracy Lewis had surveyed the property and pins have been put in.

Mr. Naples in a meeting with the Commission said he would plant shrubs or trees on the property line. Jimmy P. will meet with Mr. Naples to see what he feels fit to plant. He will give Mr. Naples a map of the property that has been pinned. Tom H. told him to check with Rick Schultz for the best way to file the map to have it preserved.

#### b) Nature's Way

Jimmy P. asked Tom H. if readings should still be taken. Tom H. answered yes. Also, Jimmy P. will talk to Atty. Welch about this matter.

### 3. Use of \$60,000 for Huntington Woods

a) This was previously discussed in the meeting.

### 4. Hanging of Open Space Signs

#### a) Old Subdivisions

Jimmy P. flagged Huntington Woods today. Tom H. asked why he did that because the developer is supposed to do that and Jimmy P. is to confirm they are put up. Jimmy P. said he walked the area with Jim Swift, but Jimmy P. put them up. It should be the developer.

#### b) New Subdivisions

##### Boehm Pond Wood

Rick Schultz suggested Jimmy P. go to Boehm Pond Wood and Red Spruce Estates Subdivision. When he went to Boehm Pond, he didn't see any signage. Harriet W. said she and Terry J. met with Rick Schultz today about the signing and the flagging. Rick is agreeable to have Jimmy P. go out and check to see if the signs are up working with the developers to get them

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up. He said it should be done at the beginning of the subdivision. She told Jimmy P. he and Rick can decide how he works with the developer. She mentioned if Boehm Pond is not signed, it should be signed.

### Red Spruce Estates Subdivision

It is located on the corner of Farmill Road and Mohegan Avenue. This subdivision is a year and a half old. Harriet told Jimmy P. if the developer is gone from it, then he is the one to hang the signs and said if the bond hasn't been pulled, then the developer should do it. If he has got his bond back, then Jimmy P. has to do it. She said to check with Rick Schultz as to who should hang the signs, Jimmy P. or the developer.

### 5. Report for Grass Composting, Leaf Composting, etc.

- a) Jimmy P. said Marilyn Gannon was working on this before he received it. He stated the Board of Aldermen is going to adopt the Grillo Green Cycle for the dumpster to collect the grass clippings for a two-year period. He said within this two-year period they should work on an alternative. Tom H. mentioned an educational program for people to compost on their own property as Jimmy P. did when he recently wrote an article that was printed in the Huntington Herald on invasive plants. Joe W. said the article should be on the City of Shelton's website. Jimmy P. said the City's tech support has a full time position some where else and is no longer working in the City Hall. The Commission told Jimmy to speak to Sandy Nesteriak about getting Jimmy P.'s articles on the City's website.

Terry J. told Jimmy P. to draft a letter for the Commission's perusal to be sent to the Mayor about the problems the Commission has regarding the Recreation Path that should include the Parks and

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Recreation Department weed whacking the Recreation Trail after the mowing season, the public education for composting, grass clippings on homeowners' property, the dumping of stumps at Abbey Wright, and the cleaning up of the Elizabeth School City's dumping area.

Each member should be ready for input into the letter.

### 6. Installation of Gates

- a) Jimmy P. met with Dean Cawthra and Tom H. on Route 108 and established where the gates will be installed. They will be under the power lines on Route 108 , both north and south. Dean recommended that there is another location where a gate should be placed. It is at Oak valley Road where it comes into the open space property. Four wheel drive vehicles are going in there at night.

Also, Tom said one gate will be a 16-foot gate. It has to be done in two halves because they have to have Iroquois equipment and trucks able to access the power line corridor. Two eight foot sections chained in the middle can open up an access quickly. The one at Oak Valley will be 12-foot wide which is well within the capacity that can be done in one stand.

### 7. Report on "Above the Overlook"

- a) Jimmy P. presented some pictures of the area. He spoke with Joan Donofrio. As said previously in the meeting, she's not prepared to put a price of the property. He described the pictures. Harriet said he was supposed to write a report on it. The report should include what he found on the property, a description and his recommendation which the Commission could use it to obtain a grant. Jimmy P. said Ms. Donofrio would get back to the Commission, when she returned from California.

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In other business, Tom H., regarding the Iroquois Pipeline communication Harriet handed out earlier, he has information of whom to contact and what to do if working on the Iroquois right-of-way. Dean Cawthra mentioned if a person has to contact somebody, Iroquois said its workers all have keys. Dean has information as to who to contact and how to do that.

Terry J. said he looked at the charts handed out before, and there are between 8 and 12 of the Quality of Life properties that would be potential for purchase of farmland development rights.

### **14.0 Comments by Members**

Joe Welsh said he didn't have it with him, but he thinks there is new legislation authorizing Inland Wetland Commission to focus on the downstream impacts to habitat and wildlife in new developments to start holding that impact as part of their decisions. He said he will try to find out more about it. Harriet W. said that would be good for Cranberry Hill. Hank L. said the Wabuda property, also. Joe W. said there is a lot of focus in the American Waterworks Publication.

Terry J. stated at the last meeting he expressed the thought of taking the Charter Oak he is rearing in his nursery and dedicating it to Joe Pagliaro to be put on the riverfront or wherever. Other groups, such as the Boys' Club, Rotarians, and Jim Ryan in ECDC have established a committee of himself, Kate Marks, Regis Dognin, and Joe Pagliaro, Jr. They had a very good meeting last week and love the Charter Oak concept. Some in the meeting suggested to buying a downtown property, like Hunter's Corner for a park. Terry J. said that is still a thought, but there is a strong feeling that the place for the Oak should be down near the Veterans' Memorial on the Riverwalk. The committee was going to contact Jim Tate to develop that. It might be at the entrance to the next part of the Riverwalk. Joe, Jr. said it is wonderful to have Joe Sr's name on it, but it can also be dedicated to others in the future for decades

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and generations to be added to the Oak. Jim Ryan will contact Jim Tate.

A more immediate dedication being planned is a special memorial service at the Boys' Club. They decided it would be invitation only and since our Commission is part of this, he was asked to see who would be interested to order to develop a guest list. It would probably be the last week in September on the 30th. Tom Harbinson and Jimmy Pjura, said they would go and would check their calendars. Terry J. said he would check with Jim Tate and Ed McCreery.

In other business, Tom H. stated in looking at the 6 year capital budget, the Recreation Path should be included. The next budget request will be submitted in January.

Harriet W. said the Commission should determine how much it will cost to pave one area of the Recreation Trail and go to the Board of Aldermen or A&T to get this money. Terry J. stated to go to Terry Gallagher for a rough design of the whole project and get some initial approximate cost estimates. The Commission has, for the most part, secured the right-of-way and should start going after the funding. Terry J. added the Commission should see the potential and try to inspire businesses and prominent citizens to help provide funding.

Harriet W. mentioned the Commission should go to the Mayor and have another meeting to get our full-time person. Tom H. said the Commission hasn't met with him for a while.

The Commission discussed the Recreation Path.

On the discussion of a full-time person, Jimmy P. asked about his status. Tom H. there will be a discussion with the Mayor. Harriet said he has not O.K.'d advertising for full-time.

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### 15.0 Adjournment

At 10:25 p.m. Tom Harbinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hank Lauriat. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by \_\_\_\_\_  
Anita Shortell, Secretary