CITY OF SHELTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
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Present:  
Tom Harbinson, Chairman  
Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Walsh, Commissioner  
Sheri Dutkanicz, Commissioner  
Ed McCreery, Commissioner  
Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent

Also Present:  
Terry Gallagher

Absent:  
James Tate, Commissioner
A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Harbinson called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:06 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes
Chairman Harbinson moved to approve the December and January Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Walsh. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)
1. Pat Gajdosik was introduced to the commission as a potential new member. She has been asked by Alderman Anglace to consider joining the Conservation Commission. Chairman Harbinson explained some of the duties for being part of the commission. Discussion.

2. Guy Beardsley was there to report that he is currently still the market master until the agreement for the Farmers Market is signed. There is a meeting scheduled for March 3 to discuss the issue. Chairman Harbinson stated that there has been a meeting with the mayor to discuss opportunities with other vendors and other activities to partner with. Discussion of other existing markets and their operating schedules.

D. Trails Committee Report
• Vice-Chairman Bill Dyer reported that weather has not been conducive to outside work.
• There is a marshmallow hike on March 8. The snow day is March 15.
• National Trails day is June 6. The hikes for this day will be at the Paugusset Trail, and a kid-friendly hike starting and ending at Pine Lake.
• Work parties – Map box building on February 14, where 10 boxes will be constructed for the kiosks.
• There were no expenses this month.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dyer to authorize Commissioner Dutkanicz to spend $75.00 for the Shelton Day booth. Commissioner Walsh seconded. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.
E. Open Space Trust Account Status
No Report.

F. Budget Status
No Report.

G. Review of PZC or IWC Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments

1. Old Applications/Monitor/Follow-up
   a. PDD#77 Site Plan review, Hawk’s Ridge, PZC #13-17, Long Hill Cross Road.

   Discussion and review of plans presented at last meeting for Commission members not present at last meeting. Discussion on conferring with South West Conservation District and have P&Z consider what their recommendations are. Conservation Agent would like water temperature to be a factor in the findings, as stocked trout are present in the Far Mill River. Discussion on timing required to have research prepared and reported to P&Z.

   A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh to contact the South West Conservation District regarding this project site specifically with the request as outlined by Commissioner McCreery regarding water temperature and quality and its impact on the Far Mill River. Seconded by Commissioner Dutkanicz. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

   Discussion on whether or not it is worthwhile to have an in-house report prepared by Teresa Gallagher.

2. New Applications
None.

H. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Conservation Agent

1. Deer Committee
The draft report has been released. Chairman Harbinson stated that it is very well written and thorough. The committee will meet next week to vote and approve the report. After that meeting, it will be scheduled for the Board of Alderman’s agenda.
2. Community Gardens Committee
They are in the middle of registrations with a February 17 deadline.

3. Anti-Litter Committee
Conservation Agent Gallagher showed the Split Rock Turkey patch for Clean Sweep teams.

I. Communications (Sent or Received)
**Side B**
Chairman Harbinson presented the Project Description and Submission requirements from the City Engineer for the Constitution Blvd. project. Chairman Harbinson discussed that there is an opportunity to have a pedestrian component exist in the development of the project. Discussion on other areas with pedestrian components and how this may be possible in this project.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCreery to have Teresa Gallagher draft a letter to the Mayor and copy the City Engineer and the Board of Alderman that the Commission appreciates being presented with the schematic plans for the beginning of the Constitution Blvd. project and that they would like to encourage the city to incorporate a pedestrian component in the plans. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bill Dyer. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

J. Grant Compliance Status for 7 DEEP Open Space Grants and 2 FRPP Agricultural PDR Grants – Conservation Agent
No Report.

K. Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition and Security Issues)
Executive Session was entered into at 8:07 P.M. Executive Session ended at 8:10 P.M.

L. Comments By Members
Commissioner Dutkanicz presented thoughts on the documentary “Bag It”. Commissioner McCreery commented on future projects. Commissioner Walsh attended a Fairfield County Regional Conservation Partnership meeting. They are looking for more conservation commission input,
as they are trying to develop a Hudson to Housatonic initiative. Commissioner Walsh thought it was a worthwhile event.

Chairman Harbinson inquired about pictures before deforestation for the 500 River Rd. project. Discussion of tree removal.

Conservation Agent Gallagher will be speaking with the Rotary Club February 18.

**M. Adjournment**

Chairman Harbinson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Scalenghe
Clerk, Conservation Commission