# CITY OF SHELTON
## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes should be considered a draft version until approved by CC at their next meeting.

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## Call to Order

**Present:** Tom Harbinson, Chairman  
Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Welsh, Commissioner  
Jim Tate, Commissioner  
Ed McCreery, Commissioner  
Sheri Dutkanicz, Commissioner  
Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent

Also Present: Terry Gallagher, Trails Committee  
Helen Solotruk, Clerk

### A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Harbinson called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
B. Approval of Minutes
Chairman Harbinson noted that the February 5, 2014 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and was rescheduled for today.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutkanicz, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dyer, to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting. Vote – All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)
Guy Beardsley presented the Committee with a Stella Natura Calendar used as a guide for planting. Discussion of what is in this book.
Guy Beardsley reported that there will be a Farmers Market held next Wednesday, March 12th at the Farmers Market Building. Discussion.
Guy Beardsley reported that the Farmers Market held at Benedict’s Agway does not have too much produce. Discussion. There will be one more indoor market held here on Friday, March 14th.
Guy Beardsley reported that the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Markets will be conducting more inspections starting this spring and will require signs be put up as to where the produce is from. Discussion.

D. Trails Committee Report
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that there was not a meeting in February for the Trails Committee due to inclement weather.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that there are 2 hikes scheduled for National Trails Day on June 7, 2014.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that Lynn Reid will now be the representative for the Paugussett Trail Extension. Discussion.
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Vice-Chairman Dyer distributed a Trails Committee Summary for 2013 which was prepared by Terry Gallagher. This summary also includes the 2014 goals of the Trails Committee. Discussion. The Conservation Commission thanked the Trails Committee for a job well done.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that he attended a Court of Honor Ceremony for one of the scouts who did work on the trails. Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that more Court of Honor ceremonies will be taking place and the committee members are welcome to attend. Discussion.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that he has been contacted by a group of facebook moms requesting that the city use open space for sled riding. Discussion.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Trails Committee would suggest building a bridge over the Far Mill River near Huntington Street. Discussion of ideas of the best way to build a bridge.

Discussion of sidewalks being constructed in Huntington Center near Lane Street.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Trails Committee would like to add a hiking trail near Basil Brook. Discussion.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Hope Lake Bridge has been disassembled and the materials will be stored to use for future projects. Discussion.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Marshmallow March will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 1:00 p.m. Discussion of parking.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that Boy Scout, Mark Sullivan, attended the Trails Committee meeting tonight and will be building a kiosk at the end of Buddington. Discussion.

Terry Gallagher reported that the Gator is being maintained at Martinka’s.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Trails Committee wants to purchase 2 bollards to be used at Lane Street and Dean’s Gate. The bollards currently there have been destroyed and the new ones would be made of steel. Discussion.

**E. Open Space Trust Account Status**

No report.

**F. Budget Status**

Chairman Harbinson reported that he has submitted the 2014-2015 budget to the Finance Department. Discussion.

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

1. Old Applications/Monitor/Follow-up
   i. Hawk’s Ridge PZC #13-17, Long Hill Cross Road and Beard Sawmill Road, PDD Preliminary/Conceptual Plans dated 12/3/2013 for 54 single family units, 57 multi-family units and 196 units within as assisted living facility.

Chairman Harbinson reported that he wrote a letter to Planning and Zoning summarizing the Conservation Commission’s meeting of February 10, 2014 with Attorney Dominick Thomas and A.J. Grasso regarding Hawk’s Ridge. Discussion.
2. New Applications

Chairman Harbinson reported that a new application has been received from Cingular Wireless regarding a cell phone tower. This is not being proposed for open space. Discussion. Commissioner Welsh suggested going out to different project sites throughout the city to make sure that the open space is being preserved as originally planned. Discussion of making a checklist.

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H. Communications (Sent or Received)

Vice-Chairman Dyer requested that the Committee invite Toll Brothers to the next meeting to discuss Shelton Cove. Discussion.

I. Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition and Security Issues)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dyer, seconded by Commissioner Welsh, to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss land acquisitions and security issues. Vote – all in favor. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Chairman Harbinson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dyer, to end the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Vote – all in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Harbinson reported that no motions took place during Executive Session.

J. Comments By Members

Commissioner Welsh reported that he will be attending The Economic Benefits of Open Space seminar on Saturday, March 15th at Wesleyan University.

K. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Solotruk
Clerk, Conservation Commission