A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – 7:00 P.M.  
B. Approval of Minutes  
C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)  
D. Trails Committee Report – Bill Dyer  
E. Open Space Trust Account Status  
F. Budget Status: 2015-2016 proposed budget  
G. Review of PZC or IWC Applications for Subdivisions/Developments  
   1. Old Applications/monitor/Follow Up  
      Hawk’s Ridge PZC #13-17, Long Hill Cross Road, PDD Step #2, detailed site plans. Approved PDD allows for 54 single-family lots and 57 condominium units.  
   2. New Applications  
      1. None  
H. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Conservation Agent  
   2. Community Garden Committee – Guest Speaker Kimberly Stoner, Entomologist, CT Ag Experiment Station.  
   3. Anti-Litter Committee – Clean Sweep 2015 in April; Crack down on phone book deliveries  
I. Communications (sent or received)  
J. Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition & Security Issues)  
K. Comments By Members  
L. Adjournment – Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – May 6, 2015

Present:  
Tom Harbinson, Chairman  
Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman  
James Tate, Commissioner  
Joe Walsh, Commissioner  
Sheri Dutkanicz, Commissioner  
Ed McCreery, Commissioner  
Pat Gajdosik, Commissioner  
Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent  

Also Present:  Terry Gallagher
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
Commissioner Gajdosik moved to approve the March Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Dutkanicz. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)
Chairman Harbinson introduced Stacia Monahan from The Shelton Farmers Market, who came to address the Conservation Commission on changes taking place within the Farmers Market. The Shelton Farmers Market Association has filed with the Secretary of State as an Unincorporated and Non-profit Association. They had a meeting and elected a board of directors. Stacia Monahan is the Market Administrator, Ray O'Leary is the Treasurer, Fran Wheeler and Tim Mannion are Co-Secretaries; John Marciano will be the Market Master. Bob Mingrone will serve on the Board of Directors as a member at-large. Steve Bellis will sit on the Board of Directors as well.

There is a general membership drive going on right now to raise a working fund to support the market. They are developing a budget. The license agreement has not yet been signed. There is a meeting scheduled with the Mayor. There are 9-10 farmers signed on to participate.

The membership starts at 20.00 for anyone interested in supporting the farmers and agriculture. These memberships are considered charter, and would then be renewed at 20.00/year for life as a charter member. You are entitled to attend the monthly meetings and vote on decisions that have a say on how the market is run. The meetings are run with Robert’s Rules of order like other city organizations.

Chairman Harbinson stated that the Conservation Commission should support the activity within the Farmer’s Market building and the agricultural community.

Stacia Monahan explained that the Market would be participating in (SNAP) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. EBT cards will be accepted. The Rotary club decided to support the SNAP double value program, meaning they would be able to double the value of the SNAP purchase at the Market. Rotary has pledged $500.00 to get the program started.
Stacia is very happy and grateful for all the contributions and talents that people involved are bringing.

Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 in the Conti Building. The plan is to make the Market a family destination. Hours will be Saturdays from 9-1 and Wednesdays 3-6 (tentative).

There is interest from businesses all over to participate. Discussion.

If there is enough membership to cover the budget, there may be an opportunity to not charge farmers for participation as long as the market guidelines are met.

Discussion of contributing to a sponsorship level by the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee to the Shelton Farmer’s Association.

**Commissioner Tate put forth a motion to spend $200.00 on a sponsorship for the Shelton Farmer’s Market Association. The motion was amended to $300.00 and seconded by Commissioner Dutkanicz. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.**

**D. Trails Committee Report**

- The Marshmallow March was attended by 35+ people.
- The Rec Path was cut back
- Two work parties are scheduled: April 11 to complete hiking trail loop parallel to Basil Brook and on April 25 to work on the Paugausset for National Trails Day hike on June 6.
- There will be an intermediate guided hike on May 2 at Birchbank. (Rain date May 3)
- There is a small purchase order for business cards from Trails.
- There is one Boy Scout in need of an Eagle Scout project.
- The CFPA has provided some new maps. Commissioner Dutkanicz commented on how nice the artwork is.

**E. Open Space Trust Account Status**

No Report.

**F. Budget Status: 2015-2016 proposed budget**
Chairman Harbinson attended the budget request presentation. The mayor modified the request for the regular employee line item.

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.

Commissioner Walsh reported that SWCD offered recommendations in a 4-page report and drawing of suggested vernal pool modifications. He feels that it is a good approach for the commission to take for best development practices.

Discussion on Conservation to possibly attend next P&Z meeting.

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2. New Applications
   • 500 River Road clearing discussion. Conservation Agent Gallagher was asked to send note to Inland/Wetlands on spring thaw/erosion concerns.
   • Discussion of Constitution Blvd. development

H. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Conservation Agent

1. Community Garden – Guest speaker Kimberly Stoner was very well received.
2. Anti-Litter – Clean Sweep is this month. CT State statute on yellow delivery (litter) is being researched by Tom Welch. Discussion.

I. Communications (Sent or Received)

Housatonic Valley Authority wanted a suggestion of a project for Aquarion. The Far Mill River was suggested.

The Anti-litter committee voted to make some nominations for Aquarion Environmental Awards:

Non profit: Housatonic River Clean-Up
Business: Tigh and Bond for picking up Isinglass Road.
Adult: George Waters for litter clean-up by canoe

The student category will be nominated after Clean-Sweep
A motion was made by Commissioner Ed McCreery and Seconded by Bill Dyer for the Conservation Committee to support the nominations. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

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

Chairman Harbinson moved to go to Executive Session. All in Favor.

Executive Session was entered into at 8:03 P.M.
Executive Session ended at 8:30 P.M.

K. Comments By Members

Commissioner Dutkanicz explained her pine tree is dying from beetle infestation.

Conservation Agent Teresa Gallagher brought a sign for Commissioner Tate for Beardsley Trail.

Commissioner Gajodik commented that she is still doing work for the Shelton Land Trust.

L. Adjournment

Chairman Harbinson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Scalenghe
Clerk, Conservation Commission