CITY OF SHELTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.  
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**Call to Order**

Present: Tom Harbinson, Chairman  
Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Tate, 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 7:05 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
B. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dyer, seconded by Commissioner Tate, to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting. Vote – All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)

Guy Beardsley presented the Committee with a sample of romaine lettuce which he grew over the winter.

Guy Beardsley reported that the Farmer’s Market will open on Saturday, June 21st.

Guy Beardsley told the Committee that his deer hunters are telling him that there are no deer in the area. Discussion.

Guy Beardsley reported to the Committee that the Stella Nutura Calendar states that there will be no more cold day or nights after May 5th. Discussion.

Guy Beardsley reported that there is a new calendar coming out that is similar to Stella Nutura that is color coded and much smaller.

Terry Gallagher reported that UI will be contacting the Land Trust about conservation along the river near the sub-station.

D. Trails Committee Report

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that there were 2 guided hikes held in the month of April and both were not well attended.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported the Committee is getting ready for Trails Day which is going to be held on Saturday, June 7th. There will be 2 guided hikes:

1. Rec Path
2. Paugussett Trail to the Intermediate School to Buddington Road and back

Discussion of advertising and putting flyers in the various kiosks throughout the city.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the CFPA has assigned 3 people to monitor the Paugussett Trail. Lynn Reid will be the monitor for our section which begins at the parking lot at Indian Wells to Buddington Road. Discussion.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the CFPA will allow the Trails Committee to use any of their specialized equipment that they keep for trails work. Lynn Reid will get an inventory list from CFPA to see if we could use any of the equipment listed on it. Discussion.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that there are 2 work parties scheduled for May:
1. Saturday, May 10th – Lane Street – mowing and weed whacking
2. Saturday, May 31st – Scout the different trails to see what needs to be done before Trails Day.

Discussion of invasive plants to remove.
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that there are 3 Eagle Scout Projects currently underway.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Committee is tentatively planning a Full Moon Hike on Tuesday, September 9th.

Conservation Agent Gallagher reported that she has noticed that along the Rec Path there are invasive species growing rapidly and this needs to be removed before it gets overgrown. Discussion.

Terry Gallagher suggests that we purchase stone dust to put a 2” top layer on the Rec Path to avoid weed growth and to smooth out the surface. Discussion.

Discussion of purchasing fence posts in bulk and storing them so they will be available when needed. The Trails Committee will prepare a proposal and bring back to the next meeting for review and approval.

Discussion of the Community Garden.

**E. Open Space Trust Account Status**

Chairman Harbinson reported that he received an e-mail from Kathy Zaprzalka in the accounting department stating that the account does not have a negative balance and that she will send a copy of the printout to him showing all transactions that have occurred.

**F. Budget Status**

No report.

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

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No Report.
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2. New Applications
   i. Water’s Edge of Shelton PZC #14-8, 14-unit PDD on 3.1 acres at 500 River Road on the Housatonic River including a marina with 6 slips. PZC public hearing scheduled for May 28th.

Chairman Harbinson reported that Planning & Zoning has received an application for a 14 unit development at 500 River Road named Water’s Edge of Shelton. The Committee reviewed the plans for this development. Discussion. Commissioner Tate suggests going out to the site to walk around to get a better idea of what is there as far as wildlife and habitats. Discussion. Conservation Agent Gallagher will set up a day and time to meet at the site to review the area. Discussion of how to enforce the ordinance regarding decisions made by the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Tate suggests sending Commissioner McCreery the conservation easement language used in the ordinance and ask him to review it and see if anything can be added to make it more enforceable. Discussion of whether the Estuary Committee should go to the property to review also.

H. Communications (Sent or Received)

Chairman Harbinson reported that we received The Habitat Newsletter if anyone would like to read it.

Chairman Harbinson reported he received a copy of a letter sent to Toll Brothers from John Cook – Inland/Wetlands regarding 560 River Road development. Chairman Harbinson reported that Vice-Chairman Dyer, Commissioner Welsh, Commissioner McCreery and himself attended the Inland-Wetlands meeting and he spoke to the Commission regarding the conservation violations by Toll Brothers regarding 560 River Road. Discussion. Commissioner Tate discussed the need for Conservation Agent Gallagher to become a full-time employee or hire outside individuals in order to complete and follow up on all aspects of conservation issues. Discussion.

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

A motion was made by Chairman Harbinson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dyer, to go into Executive Session at 8:30 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 8:47 p.m. Vote – all in favor. MOTION PASSED.

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

**J. Comments By Members**
Commissioner Dutkanicz discussed Sullivan’s Island in Derby.

**K. Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Solotruk
Clerk, Conservation Commission