Agenda for Regular Meeting of June 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.
Shelton City Hall, Room 303

Note: If you have questions regarding the agenda, contact Conservation Agent Teresa Gallagher @ 203.924.1555 x315

***Regular 7:00 p.m. meeting to be preceded by field walk at 6:00 pm at Well Spring Estate (Public Open Space #85.02) off the end of Rushbrooke Lane, concerning potential public parking for fishermen; mowing of public open space and removal of open space sign; and management of field around former corn crib; to be followed by brief dinner break at Wells Hollow Farm.

A. 7:00 pm Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
B. Approval of Minutes..........................................................May 6, 2009
C. Public Portion (items not on agenda) ..................................see footer notes
D. Trails Committee Report – Bill Dyer
E. Well Spring Estate/Far Mill River Public Open Space (OS #85). Use of Farmill Crossing access drive and parking for fishermen.
F. Constitution Blvd North – Wiacek Open Space (OS #80.02) Previous spreading of wood chip “yard scrapings” by City crews.
G. Dog Park: Status update......................................................Bill Dyer
H. Review of PZC or IWC Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments
   1. Old Applications / Monitor / Follow-up
      i. PZC #09-09 2-lot subdivision on Buddington Road abutting open space properties #OS 27.10, 27.16 and 27.19. No change in status.
      ii. PZC #07-14 Cranberry Hill Estates, Armstrong Road. Removal of trees on designated open space. Stop Work Order was issued by Planning and Zoning. Applicant directed to submit survey and tree restoration plan. Status.
   2. New Applications (Applications received between agenda creation and our Regular Meeting may be amended to this Agenda at start of regular meetings by a vote from the Commission.)
      I. 279 Soundview Avenue, OS #80.03. Request by BOA to review potential sale of existing house and garage and one acre of a 14-acre parcel currently classified as open space.
      J. Communications (sent or received)
      K. Budget Report
      L. Open Space Trust Account Status
      M. Eklund Native Species Garden – Status of Iroquois Grant.

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N. Quality of Life – Executive Session (land acquisition issues)
   1. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 1: MB:M
   2. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 2: MB:W
   3. Parcel SL:M Tom H
   4. Parcel SL:K2 Tom H
   5. Parcel SL:B** – Status Bill D/Joe W
   6. Parcel SL:K Bill D/Joe W
   7. Parcel SL: D
   8. Parcel FM:Y – no activity Teresa
   9. Parcel HG:C
   10. Parcel HG: R

O. Comments by Members ....................................................All

P. Adjournment - Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: ..........July 1, 2009