Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Co-Chairman Tom Harbinson called the June meeting of the Conservation Commission (CC) to order at 7:14 p.m. in Room 303, Shelton City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending: Co-Chair Tom Harbinson, Commissioners Ed McCreery, Bill Dyer, Hank Lauriat, Jim Tate, Joe Welsh, Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent.

Not Attending: Co-Chair Harriet Wilber

Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2006

At 7:15 p.m. Co-Chair Harbinson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2006. Commissioner Lauriat moved the motion; seconded by Commissioner Dyer. Anita Shortell, clerk, mentioned in a motion to approve the purchase of 100 of the 2-color version of the signs for $250 on page 7 of the May 3rd meeting should have been seconded by Commissioner Dyer and not by Commissioner Lauriat. Co-Chair Harbinson corrected the motion as amended. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Public Portion

Bob Wilkins, member of the Trails Committee, attended to hear the Trails Committee report.

Review of P&Z Applications for Subdivisions and/or Development

Aspen Ridge PZC #06-27

Co-Chair Harbinson stated the Conservation Commission sent a letter to PZC in the last meeting regarding Aspen Ridge #06-27. Some members of the Land Trust met with the applicant. The PZC gave the Commission a modified plan and Co-Chair Harbinson asked for a commentary. Commissioner Welsh, a member of the Land Trust, said it based its opinion on the applicant’s idea that IWC gave them the “green light” to go ahead. The Land Trust wanted 10 units, but the applicant still has 14 units. Because they are
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members of the Land Trust, Commissioners Welsh, McCreery and Lauriat recused themselves and could not participate in the discussion. Co-Chair Harbinson stated the changes to this plan are the river front area of open space is shown as transferred to the City in fee and the number of units is being reduced from 16 to 14. Comparing this to the existing plan, there was one unit dropped off clusters of 4 in each end of the development.

The Commission studied the plan. In the last meeting Commissioner Tate had a concern regarding the turnaround, the stone wall, and the grading to make that happen. The Commission discussed the turnaround and how it could be accomplished.

Also, in the last meeting a letter was sent by the Commission to the PZC on May 15, 2006 regarding the Commission’s concerns about the proposal. Commissioner Tate commented on each regard as in the letter one by one:

- The Commission recommends this property to the City for purchase as a link to the other Land Trust pieces. The Commission said that could be discussed.

- Areas of disturbance are too close to the river. The plans show the walls to be 14 ft. from the river. The machines used to build the wall and do the grading will be on the edge of the river. This needs the IWC’s approval. It cannot be done with a 14 ft. setback because it will significantly impact the Far Mill River. This needs a minimal setback of 30 ft.

The Commission stated people who are proposing these projects are too comfortable with the agencies and it has to stop. In every experience the Commission has had says, the Commission has to evaluate these development proposals as to the strict enforcement of the impacts that they do on our trust in open space, and there is nothing shown that the corridor is being protected.

- The drawings are not accurately documented in the title block of the plan. The Commission received a referral notice June 2nd and the drawings are stamped in June 2nd. The drawings are dated January 19th, and there is no revision date in the revision table.
The Public Open Space along the river rather than a conservation easement has been answered by the open space being dedicated as in lieu of fee. The way to get there is the property directly abutting the open space is Land Trust on both upstream and downstream, and these openings are accessible.

The Commission is asked to review and comment on the revised basic development plan showing the 14 units and fee simple open space dedication. After a discussion, the Commission’s response is the retaining walls are too tight to the river and need to be pulled away.

Conservation Agent Gallagher asked Commissioner Tate if she could get a report from Terrance Gallagher, Support Member of the Commission, regarding what would be the real impact of building these retaining 6’ to 8’ walls in proximally to the river. He answered, yes, she could do that.

If the driveway is moved up another ten ft, the existing trail could be saved through the driveway by dropping two or three units out of it.

The bridge abutments have some historic value in terms of the old road location and those would be in the open space. The historic part of the property is not a concern on this.

The retaining walls need to be addressed and that was the point of the earlier comments.

The plant list was not addressed by the PZC.

Discussing the plan, the Commission stated the setback from the Land Trust has been increased to 35 or 40 ft. from the property line and although in the last meeting, the Commission asked for 75 ft. The Commission discussed the expansion of the property. The Commission wants to get the units away from the valuable corridor of the Land Trust.
property, the river and the impacts of that development. The Commission stated this has been addressed in a minimal fashion. The only comment legitimately addressed was the land be in fee simple and the historic features may be protected because they lie in open space. The Commission feels no one paid attention to its comments of the May 15th letter.

At 7:41 Commissioner Tate made a motion to put those key points in a letter to be sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Dyer commented on the motion that he would prefer a setback of 100 ft. After Commissioner Tate measured the area, Commissioner Dyer agreed to 30’. The Commission stated getting too close to the river is irresponsible. There should be a construction site monitor to make sure that barrier is protected and not violated to be enforced by the IWC.

Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor; Motion passed.

It should be noted in the letter that in respect to the Inland Wetlands Commission, the Conservation Commission realizes how difficult their job is, and it should be pointed out to the applicants that they do not have their approvals without their approvals. To imply that they are going through the review process with approvals is just not professional, and the applicants should be reminded of that.

Co-Chair Harbinson suggested Conservation Agent Gallagher to send an E-Mail to IWC immediately for its meeting tomorrow night regarding the Commission’s concern about the proximity and the minimal buffer that’s shown in the plan in regard to the river’s disturbance, and Anita, clerk, to send a letter to PZC by June 13th.

Co-Chair Harbinson reminded Commissioner Tate of Commissioner Tate’s statement of the possibility of purchasing the property. Commissioner Tate said if the site development is prohibited and the developer cannot make a marketable product for himself by reducing the number of units to 12, not 14, it would be a better piece
Commissioner Tate added three members of the Commission did not have active discussion in this matter. He asked if Co-Chair Harbinson, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Tate had objections to the letter, the remaining three Commissioners should speak up, otherwise this letter will come as a standing of the Conservation Commission, not as one individual. Co-Chair Harbinson and Commissioners Dyer agreed to the letter. The Commission needed three members actually voting and a two person majority, but it was unanimous between the three of them.

**Any Pending**
None at this time.

**Conservation Agent Report**
Conservation Agent Gallagher reported as follows:

**Project Safe Trails**
- Securing access points (gates): Agent Gallagher is trying to get three quotes. Received one quote for $1,290 per gate. Agent Gallagher stated the Commission went from 12’ gates down from 9’ gates for a total of $3,870 for three gates. Commissioner Tate asked her to try P&C Fence in Stratford to send them a picture of the fence and ask them for a quote.
- Signage: The signs have been ordered.
- Trails Mapping: Agent Gallagher met with Jason Perillo from the EMS regarding the Trails mapping issue who said they do not need coordinates for the trails because there is not the capability to use those, as yet, probably in five years. Most of the cell phones cannot triangulate as of now. He would like a numeric marking system along the trails, every tenth of a mile in order to identify if someone gets hurt. The colors would correspond with the trails sections. The Commission discussed the color marking of the trails. Commissioner McCreery suggested deferring the subject until the Trails Committee report.
Far Mill River – Water Quality Study

- Agent Gallagher spoke with a member of the HVA, who said the preliminary analysis from DEP is each one of the samples contained one organism that was in the making of the most wanted list, bumping it up in the very good category. However, the concern is the majority of the species found were species typically found in water of lesser quality. Agent Gallagher has a call into the DEP regarding the methodology.

1.) Commissioner Tate asked what kind of ranking system we can use to be simple about this.
2.) Where in that ranking system do we fall?
Agent Gallagher said with the amount of sampling tested, she cannot determine the answer very well.
The Commission discussed the ranking of rivers and the sampling of the Far Mill River.

The Commission will send an E-Mail to John Cook, IWC, in regard to protecting construction sites with hay bales around storm drains.

Documenting Process for Conservation Agent Position

- Posting/Marking of City Open Space: Rick Schultz, PZC Administer, was agreeable to use the open space markers, little finds. The Commission will charge 50 cents for the signs. It is what the Commission pays for the signs. Agent Gallagher handed out new procedures for open space markers, open space encroachment procedures, and encroachment policies for the Natural Resource Manager.

Commissioner Tate would like to change the aluminum markers to plastic because the theory is aluminum markers can be bent around and twisted. The newer plastics tend not to be that way.

At 8:16 p.m. Co-Chair Harbinson entertained a motion to approve the procedures open space markers as outlined in the draft and will become the Commission’s official procedure.
Commissioner Dyer moved the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Lauriat. All voted in favor; motion passed.
Complaints regarding Open Space: Open space encroachment procedures can consist of yard waste, driving an ATV, etc. Because the encroachment procedures for open space are very involved, Co-Chair Harbinson recommended the Commission to take the next month to look them over and make comments on them next month. Agent Gallagher asked the Commission when it has studied the procedures, please E-Mail the comments to her.

Commissioner McCreery stated he sent an E-Mail to Co-Chair Harbinson that there is a new statute that passed which allows towns or Land Trusts to sue for encroachment to cover attorney fees.

At this time, Agent Gallagher presented a movie, regarding encroachments with dirt bikes and ATVs, on a CD taken with a digital camera of a portion of the Recreation Path.

Open Space Plan Update

After the movie was over, Agent Gallagher asked the Commission how it wanted to go forward in determining the revised boundaries of the 1993 Plan of Greenways, such as the Far Mill Greenway, since things have changed and new open space has been acquired. She asked if she can draft something and bring it before the Commission or there can be workshops, or in a meeting.

The Commission discussed the boundaries of the greenways corridor and the locations that can be taken in consideration for the revision. A study can be taken for the established Commission’s Recreation Path Trails corridor, the White Hills area, and an area of Huntington near the Monroe Line.

Agent Gallagher presented a UConn map that showed the Year 2002 ground cover of Shelton. She put a plastic overlay over it to show the existing greenways. In addition, she showed another overlay of the major open spaces.
Use of Open Space (Wiacek) for Boy Scout Jamboree - May 2007

- Agent Gallagher presented a map of the area and described the tract. When she walked the site, she found the utility road was not too bad, but the second part had deep ruts and springs popping up. The existing road followed one of two power lines. She suggested adding a road at a certain point in order to by-pass the bad parts. There was the possibility of removing a stone wall which was covered with briars. It could possibly be an Eagle Scout project. The City will have to mull the property next spring. The Commission discussed the property, the Jamboree, and the parking. There is expected to be 400 Scouts attending the Jamboree to be held about the third week in May, 2007.

Commissioner Welsh suggested restoring the field on Meadow Street for field habitat safe by bulldozing the mound of dirt back and reseeding it with a native plant mix in order to make it a flat field for a station for a planned event at the Jamboree.

Co-Chair Harbinson asked if the Commission endorses the use of that property. The Commission agreed to the endorsement. Also, he asked Agent Gallagher to send a memo to the Engineering Department or the Mayor’s office regarding bulldozing the mound of top soil to restore the field on Meadow Street.

General Items

- Eagle Scout bridge and supplies (approve purchases): The Commission received expenditures from Housatonic Lumber for Eagle Scout project supplies totalling $549.80.

- Lumber store account, Business Cards, Scanner:

  At 8:54 p.m. Commissioner Lauriat made a motion to approve the expenditures from the Housatonic Lumber for the Eagle Scout project, and to reimburse the Conservation Agent Gallagher for out of pocket expenses submitted for staples, WalMart and the Ben Meadows Company for purchase of markings and paints. Seconded by Commissioner McCreery. All voted in favor; motion passed.
At 9:00 p.m. Co-Chair Harbinson entertained a motion to approve the receipts for expenditures of $63.08 submitted by Commissioner Tate to be reimbursed to Boy Scout Spencer Tate for receipts from Home Depot regarding the Eagle Scout project, the trail, the Recreation Path, and the bridge.

Commissioner Lauriat moved the motion. Seconded by Commissioner McCreery. All voted in favor.

At 9:01 p.m. Commissioner Dyer submitted receipts for reimbursement for the Trails Committee for $218.86. Commissioner McCreery moved to approve the expenditures by the Trails Committee. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Co-Chair Harbinson mentioned these 4 submitted reimbursements are subject to using the appropriate line items from the Commission’s budget.

- CT. DEP – Reservoir names and stocking with fish: Conservation Agent Gallagher sent in a request to the DEP to have under their angular guide, to change the names of two of the reservoirs listed. One is Nells Rock Reservoir, it should be Hope Lake; the other is Shelton Reservoir, it should be Pine Lake.

Also, she spoke with someone in the DEP in charge of stocking two reservoirs, Pine Lake and Silent Waters. The DEP stated it cannot be done because they are too shallow for trout, and they only stock warm water species if those species do not exist because they grow quickly.

Communications

Co-Chair Harbinson reported the communications received are as follows:

- Notice regarding City-wide Beautification Project, Adopt A Garden Program.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda.
- Newsletter, Trust for Public Land, Serving Land for New England.
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• Publication, Sound Waters on New England Sound for Education.
• Nature Conservancy Magazine.
• Nature Conservancy in Connecticut Magazine.
• Publication, Connecticut Farmland Trust.
• Support for Housatonic Valley Authority. This authority has helped in the study of the Far Mill River. The Commission will continue with the same level as supported in the past.
• Letter Agent Gallagher sent to the Board of Aldermen regarding the Whoville area on the Housatonic.
• Letter from the Board of Aldermen regarding the approval of the purchase of the “Aside the Overlook” property at the price of $45,000 for 4-1/2 acres which is the same price per acre as the “Above the Overlook,” recently acquired. Co-Chair Harbinson asked the question, the DEP Land Acquisition Grant Program was used for the “Above the Overlook” property and asked if it would be worthwhile to attempt a grant for the same program as for the “Aside the Overlook” property. Commissioner McCreery answered, no. The reason is some might say, Shelton has received more than its share of funding from the State and to keep going back to them over and over again, it could prevent us from getting consideration of getting a bigger one.
• Letter regarding the closing to the Pagliaro property on April 27th. The purchase was $120,000 for a total acreage of 7.92 acres. Co-Chair Harbinson assumes it is from the Open Space Trust Account. Co-Chair Harbinson asked as the Commission acquires the open space parcels, what has been the procedure in the past for numbering them? Are they numbered sequentially? Commissioner Tate recommended speaking with Co-Chair Wilber because she and Marybeth Banks did them by number in category. Co-Chair Harbinson told Agent Gallagher to do the same. Commissioner Tate said every six months it was updated and was expensive. Now, he would have Regis do it.
• Memo from Corporation Counsel. The City acquired a piece of property, “Utica Trail”, located in Pine Rock Park. Identifying Tax Assessors Map, 11B Lot21. Note this for your files accordingly. We recommend the property to be inspected and the neighbor be informed the City is the owner of the property and no activity
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Commissioner Tate stated to Agent Gallagher the Conservation Commission is the leading Commission on the open space. Its overall management is dictated by the Conservation Commission. The Commission wants to know the history, the mapping and the particulars of the property and then, track it.

- Memo from Corporate Counsel, dated May 16th. A deed from Shirron Associates, City of Shelton, was accepted by the Board of Aldermen. It is on 163 Leavenworth Road. Co-Chair Harbinson stated it was another piece to number accordingly.
- Long Island Sound Plate Program has a process to apply for grants up to a limit of $25,000. One was to look for scientific research which would be for the Far Mill River study. Agent Gallagher phoned them and they said the Far Mill River study does not apply. The Commission will pass it to the Parks and Recreation Department for Southbank.
- Invitation to the Farmers’ Voice movie on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Center Stage in Shelton.

Trails Committee Report
Commissioner Dyer reported as follows:
- The hike was postponed but 60 people still showed up.
- Terrance Gallagher of the Trails Committee and the engineering company have reviewed the bridge. Mr. Gallagher will call the engineering company tomorrow because he would like to see the stringers a little thicker.
- The Trails Committee is trying to get everything finished by September.
- The fence contractor has been chosen, but the A&T Department did not have a quorum, so they could not make a reward. It should happen this week.
- The contract for the engineering support has been acquired. They reviewed the bridge and will be working with the Trails Committee. The foundation
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design has to be procured and someone has to be chosen to build it.

- Commissioner Welsh stated the Wetlands permit has been acquired and is waiting three weeks for the contractor to do the job. He is now waiting until the field is hayed and will call the contractor again when the field is cut. If the contractor cannot do it, another person will be called.

- The next step is to get the permit for the Boardwalk. Commissioner Dyer will meet with John Cook, administrator of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

- Bob has been working on a variety of designs, and the Committee has been working on ways to build it.

- The Trails Committee is looking for guidance to build the Boardwalk. Does it have to be 6’ or 8’ wide? The Commission recommended 6’ wide.

- Scout Spencer Tate will try to fill up the ramps. He will build steps up, and where he can, he will grade up.

- Commissioner Dyer will work with Agent Gallagher on the priority for gates. One is on Old Kings Highway and the other is on Sycamore Dr. where there are ATV encroachments.

At 9:33 p.m. Commissioner McCreery made a motion to make a request to the Mayor’s office to instruct the highway department to place some large boulders at the end of Sycamore to prevent ATV encroachment into the City and Land Trust open space because extensive damage is being caused. Commissioner Lauriat seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Commissioner McCreery asked Agent Gallagher to talk to the Mayor’s office tomorrow about getting the boulders installed. Also, Commissioner Welsh has talked to the police about the problem.

In addition, Commissioner Dyer suggested the formulation of the Trails Committee. He stated two possibilities. One, the Trails Committee becomes designated and an official committee of the Conservation Commission, and two, the Trails Committee becomes a private group. It would be independent, but still reporting to the Conservation Commission. The concern is, if the Trails Committee is an official committee, then it would have an agenda and
Minutes should be considered a draft version until approved by the CC at their next meeting minutes. He said the Mayor wanted it to be an official committee because it would have some official oversight on it and have some control. After discussions, it was agreed upon to be an official committee of the Conservation Commission. Its agenda would be the same as the one which Co-Chair Harbinson publishes for the Conservation Commission’s list. Its minutes would be entitled Trails Committee Minutes. Commissioner Dyer stated he feels it will be a recognized committee under the Conservation Commission. He recommends there will be four members and the agenda will be published before the meeting. The minutes of the Trails Committee will be incorporated into the minutes of the Conservation Commission.

At 9:38 p.m. Co-Chair Harbinson entertained a motion that Commissioner Dyer would like to formulize the Trails Committee to be a committee of four members and the make up to be three members at large. One person would be a liaison from the Conservation Commission as a member and your meetings to be publicly notified by an agenda posted in the same manner of the Conservation Commission and your conduct be reported within the minutes of the Conservation Commission. The first group would be you as a liaison, and Terry Gallagher, Bob Wilkins, and Andy Cable to be the members at large to make up the committee of four.

Commissioner Tate recommended making it a membership of 5, not to 4, because 4 does not give you a voting member block.

Commissioner Tate moved the motion; Seconded by Commissioner Welsh.

Commissioner Tate gave the Trails Committee an assignment for next month or the following month. The assignment is to figure out the methods to be done to spend the $60,000 that are earmarked and appropriated for the trail through Huntington Woods, and to get a program together on how to do that. Because if it is not done sooner, it will not happen later.

All voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

Co-Chair Harbinson asked Commissioner McCreery if he had a question on the Open Space Plan. Commission McCreery answered he will confer with the plan.
Open Space Committee Report

Open Space Trust Account Funding
Co-Chair Harbinson stated John Anglace, the president of the Board of Aldermen, made a proposal regarding the Open Space Trust Fund Ordinance to change how the Open Space Trust Account happened. The public hearing was held and asked for commentary from the Open Space Committee and Co-Chair Harbinson from Conservation. Items discussed were brought to the Commission last month and because time has passed, the process has to be started again with a public hearing. The Open Space Committee has not met because it cannot get a quorum. Commissioner McCreery stated he spoke with John Anglace who said if the Commission is in favor of amending the City plan to abolish the Open Space Committee and assume its duties, just propose it and they will get it done. Co-Chair Harbinson agreed and said that is what should be done.

Co-Chair Harbinson asked for the Commission direction on the subject. He discussed the situation with the Commission and suggested it was not functional. He took the direction of the Commission and will bring something to next month’s meeting.

Zoning Regulations

Clear Cutting of Parcels
Commissioner McCreery has formulated a draft of a Tree Preservation Ordinance which will include parcels a quarter acre or more, for removal of 10 significant species which are defined by size on a parcel, or for clear cutting or grubbing of a contiguous parcel of the same size and for those a $20 is needed for a tree removal permit with the Natural Resource Officer who can also plan replacement trees and if a person does not like the decision of the Natural Resource Officer, it can be appealed to the Conservation Commission within 60 days, or if it’s within 100 feet of designated wetlands which is Shelton’s designation of the Upland Review Area, then it can be appealed to the IWC.

Exemptions include trees that the tree warden deems rotten and the Natural Resource Officer can make that
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exemptions made on school property.

Commissioner Tate suggested under Exemptions, Orchards should be listed.

The next step on this is to recommend this to the Corporation Counsel Office and to the Board of Aldermen. He will E-Mail this ordinance to John Cook, Administrator of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Board of Alderman Randy York read the draft and supports this Tree Preservation Ordinance.

**Disposal of City lands <1 acres**

The Commission recently sent a letter to the Board of Aldermen regarding the disposal of City lands under an acre. Because if the Board of Aldermen disposes of land greater than an acre, they ask for a commentary, the Commission’s letter sent asked that to be amended.

Co Chair Harbinson asked Agent Gallagher to follow up with the Board of Aldermen to check with the aldermen’s clerk to determine if they have received that letter and if it has been addressed.

**Plan Update Advisory Committee**

**Implementation Schedule**

Co-Chair Harbinson stated the PZC’s public hearing was held last night and was well received. A few valid points were missed such as Old Stratford Road being a collector road. It was shown as a local road, and Armstrong Road was shown as a collector road. Some valid things had been missed, but can be tweaked. Because the PZC wants to be on schedule, it will adopt this in June. Conservation Commission will discuss the Open Space Plan in future meetings.
Application for PDR (USDA)

Jones Family Farms – Homestead Acres
Agent Gallagher and Charlene DeFilipo collaborated on the project. Co-Chair Harbinson showed the presentation to the Commission. Commissioner McCreery recused himself because Mr. Jones has asked him to consult with him. Information and photos were incorporated to show what the farm offers to the community. Co-Chair Harbinson stated there are good soil types in the acreage, but there is an area where there was a missile and radar site with pavement. Because those soil types are not of great value and that small portion was carved out of the application’s acreage, the project had a higher ranking for winning award. The Commission discussed the property and the percentages of the various shares of contribution.

Application for Land Acquisition Grant (Ct. DEP)

Aside the Overlook
This was addressed in Communications.

Quality of Life – Executive Session
At 10:20 p.m. Co-Chair Harbinson entertained a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the land acquisition of property owners that Commissioners Tate and McCreery spoke to. Seconded by Commissioner Dyer. All voted in favor; motion passed. The machine was turned off.

At 10:40 p.m. Co-Chair Harbinson entertained a motion to come out of executive session back into executive session. Commissioner Dyer moved the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Dyer. All voted in favor; motion passed. The machine was turned on.

There was no action that took place in executive session. The Commission discussed the various property owners who were spoken to and who wanted to sell their property as open space.
Analysis of proposal for parcel in SL Greenway
This was addressed in Aspen Ridge Condominiums, PDD.

Analysis of Canal Street Development Plan (May 4 mtg)
Co-Chair Harbinson stated there was a presentation by the Gudes Primrose, developer, regarding its master plan for downtown. They gave a full layout of the plan to the Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, Historical Society, SEDC, and anyone that would have an interest in the project. Co-Chair Harbinson said the main component is Canal Street, when it was constructed years ago, it was not meant to be a thoroughfare, a City road. It was meant to be a side rail. Now, the infrastructure, such as side walks, need to be reoriented, and there will be unforeseen conditions. The Commission discussed the canal’s development.

Comments by Members
The Commission discussed the Canal Street Development Plan. It stated buildings and infrastructure is handled by developers who are established in the City of Shelton and are trying to preserve some buildings by rehabbing them. The piece by the locks needs to be evaluated very carefully as the City could use that piece.

Since the Riverwalk is a nice area, it should be requested to be left the way it is now. How the Riverwalk will be designed in the development plan, will be planned by a designed architect engineer to be decided upon by a committee picked by the Mayor and SEDC. The head of the committee has to be the Public Works Director. The larger share of the project will be funded by the State because it will be paid for by a Transportation Enhancement Grant.

Other comments were to save the old railroad terminal for historic purposes, and make the canal narrower, than rebuild and reopen the canal and widen the road, also, take the old stair company for parking.
Adjournment

At 10:52 p.m. Commissioner Tate made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dyer. All voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Anita Shortell, clerk