Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2004  7:00 p.m.

(These minutes will be formally presented to the Commission on August 4, 2004 for their approval.)

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1.0 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
Tom Harbinson called the July meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Shelton City Hall, Room 303 because Harriet and Terry arrived late. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending: Harriet Wilber, Terry Jones, Tom Harbinson, Jim Tate, Hank Lauriat, Joe Welsh, Ed McCreery, Jimmy Pjura, Conservation Agent.

Guest: Vince Cuminotto

2.0 Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2004
Jim T. had a correction regarding a meeting at Southbank that mentioned he attended when he was not there, but Tom Harbinson said the meeting was in a letter Jimmy Pjura sent and not in the minutes.

At 7:10 p.m. Jim T. moved the minutes approved, Seconded by Hank L. All in favor; motion passed.

3.0 Public Portion
There was no one in the meeting for the Public Portion.
4.0 **Report of Jim Ryan – Enterprise and Commerce Park**
Jim Ryan was unable to attend the meeting.

4.1 **Addition to Agenda**

Harriet moved to make an addition to the agenda under Subdivisions. Vince Cuminotto is from Shelton Heights and will discuss a property located at the corner of Constitution Boulevard and Route 110. He wants to give the open space corridor along Ivy Brook, but not deed it until he is finished with his project which could be up to five years. In a phone conversation, Harriet told him the Commission would like some sort of insurance it would be deeded in the future. Mr. Cuminotto told her it will be labeled on the maps.

Tom H. seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

5.0 **Communications – Harriet**
The following communications were received:

1. The magazine, Nature Conservancy.
2. City of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting notice.
4. Job posting for a Custodian at $12.23 an hour.
5. The Planning and Zoning Commission minutes of May 25th.
6. Land Trust Service Bureau News, June 2004. The Recreation Natural Heritage Trust Program issued from the State received $7 million dollars. The matching grants program received $5.5 million dollars and the Purchase of Development Rights received $3.3 million. The Land Trust is asking Commissions to write our legislatures to thank them for appropriating that money.

Harriet suggested that the Commission write a letter thanking our legislatures for appropriating funds for the RNHT program, the matching grants program, and the PDR program and encourage them to continue them because of their importance and possibly increase them next year.
At 7:15 p.m. Hank Lauriat moved to write the letters. Seconded by Jim T. All in favor; motion passed.

7. Atty. Tom Welsh sent the Commission a copy of legislation and a note explaining that if the City takes active agriculture land by eminent domain, the City must purchase open space, equal of the land taken elsewhere in the City, or pay the State to purchase open space in another town.

8. The Housatonic Times.

9.0 **Trails Committee – Bill, Tom, Jim**

Tom H. stated Jimmy P. has an E-Mail that was sent to him by Bill Dyer.

Jimmy P. reported the Trails Report, July 2004 as follows:

1. **Trails Equipment**
   a. Gator – Hydraulic Lift and Running Time Meter – Bill will work with Jim Pjura.
   b. Storage Shed and equipment – Gathering data.

2. **Scout Projects**
   Jimmy P. stated there is an Eagle Scout, Royce York from Long View Drive, who would like to do a project. Jimmy P. will work with him to get a project together.

3. **Trails Brochures**
   a. Dave Zamba – some progress is being made.
   b. Half page leaflet, created by Bill Dyer, was distributed at the Community Center, trail kiosks and the 5 hotels in town.

4. **National Trails Day, Saturday, June 5** – Trails Committee had a hike held at 11 a.m. from Bridge No. 1 to Constitution Boulevard and Route 108, and returned. Mayor Lauretti presented a proclamation supporting the effort to preserve open space and promote trails. The Huntington Herald editor used material from the Trails Committee and the Land Trust to write a very positive article and editorial.

   Jimmy P. laminated the proclamation and will talk to Sandy Nesteriak about hanging it in the display case in the lobby of the Shelton City Hall.
5. Grants – Nothing to report on the status of the $49K grant submitted in February. The Trails Committee will likely know something by August.

6. Recreation Path – Mayor Lauretti said he will use the Parks Department to build the section from Bridge #1 to Meadow Street once the grass mowing season is over. It is not the best way to do it, but it can work if we plan and supervise the effort.

7. Work Project Schedule.
   a. On June 19th a new John Dominick Trail Bridge was provided by Tom H. and was put in place by Tom H., Terry Gallagher, Bob Wilkinson and Bill Dyer.
   b. Ron Herrick was provided a map of the power line trails that need to be mowed. So far, he has not responded. Anyone who sees him should remind him of the need to mow these trails.

8. Blazing – Teresa Gallagher, accompanied by her two children, has spent many hours re-blazing the trails in the Shelton Lakes. This is an effort greatly appreciated.

9. Shelton Trails Website – Teresa Gallagher has updated the Trails website, www.borntoexplore.org/trails, with a new map of the Shelton Lakes area, pictures of trail improvements and general news of Shelton trails. She also made and inserted new information signs into the 3 kiosks at Pine Lake, Route 108 power lines, and Hope Lake.

10. Problem – In addition to ATVs riding on the Abbey Wright property, the City is dumping stumps and brush next to the Knell’s Rock Trail. Ideally, the brush and stumps will be removed, the present gate location moved back, an area along the street cleared for parking similar to that at Hope Lake (Nell’s Rock Reservoir), and the entrance to the Knell’s Rock Trail will be greatly improved.

11. Huntington Woods – Jimmy P. will report on this subject.


13. Bridge #2 Delivery – Jim T. reported there is a quote into Sandy for $4,400 for fencing around
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Bridge #1. The amount is below the grant allocation and the Mayor should approve the amount. Sandy does not see any problem with the amount and will talk to the Mayor. It will be worked on as soon as it is approved. The fencing for Bridge #1 is black vinyl. He stated it should be covered within the next 30 days.

At 7:22 p.m. Harriet W. moved that the Conservation Commission recommend to furnish and install the new fence located at Bridge #1 on Pine Lake as soon as possible using money from the previously appropriated approved grant funding. Seconded by Hank L. All voted in favor.

In addition, Jim T. asked the fence contractor to give the Commission a price for safety fencing that was previously known as Bridge #2 or the Weir Bridge. It is at the old dam at the corner of Route 108 and Constitution Boulevard. Jim T. said he would like to set Bridge #2 there, if the Commission can move in that direction. He stated it would be $11K to $12K to do that. He would give a copy of both proposals to Sandy and to Tom H. and the Trails Committee.

Also, Jim T. mentioned Terry Gallagher asked Jim T. to give him a trail map off the disk or give him information from our inventory. He has no problem giving him the information, but he doesn’t want the information to be solicited for any other purpose but that. Jim T. doesn’t mind putting a piece of the map on the website, but he doesn’t want the entire inventory put on the website. Jim T. said he will release to Terry G. what he needs. Jim T. will ask the disk be copyrighted to be protected by the City of Shelton so that it only gets distributed for a specific purpose so the release of information will be controlled.

Tom H. stated it will be given to Terry G. to utilize the inventory mapping for informational only for purposes for the trails and not to be altered and not to be distributed for any other purpose unless Tom H. knows about it and has prior approval. Jim T. said he
doesn’t know how it can be misused, but he wants to protect the City and the Conservation Commission. Jim T. said he will issue it to David Zamba for the trails map.

In addition, Jim T. said the weir Bridge was supposed to go over the weir. That bridge is slated to go as a pedestrian bridge at Huntington Center. That project has been bid and awarded. He mentioned it is awaiting the contractor’s schedule for the sidewalk and for the footings. Tom H. said the bridge is fabricated and waiting to be shipped. Jim T. said he hopes the project will be completed by the fall.

In other business, Jim T. said he is trying to move the completion of the Recreation Path to connect from Route 108, where Bridge #1 is, to Meadow Street and get started with a safe sidewalk crossing to link to the high school property. Jim T. said he is trying to get that segment completed this fall. This is the most prominent project except for tracking this grant on the second bridge that can be done over the winter and considered for the spring. Harriet W. asked if we have to order a new bridge for the weir crossing. Tom H. replied, yes, the goal is to keep the Recreation Path alive and make improvements every year.

In other business regarding the Trails, Harriet W. presented a questionnaire for someone to fill out about the Timber Bridge project. Tom H. told Harriet W. to send it to Terry Gallagher.

12.0 Subdivisions
   - Lot 27 Shelton Heights Industrial Park (Ivy Brook Corridor)

Mr. Vince Cuminotto introduced himself and said Rick Schultz insisted he meet with the Conservation Commission to discuss his project. He presented maps of the property pointing out Ivy Brook Road, Constitution Boulevard, Coram Avenue, and Ivy Brook. He had the boundaries of his property outlined in white which goes along Ivy Brook, to Constitution Boulevard and back to the top of his property to the cul-de-sac. He pointed out the Shelton Technology Center, the Black & Decker, and Emhart building and
said his proposal is to build out 200,000 square feet on a total of 26 acres. Mr. Cuminotto stated when they bought the entire 80 acre project which goes from Plaskon Road to Constitution Boulevard, it was always their intention to contribute the section that goes along the brook to finish that entire open space corridor.

Now his company is planning a subdivision and a plan of approval for the lot development. He pointed out a 2200 foot long sewer easement being used by the Shelton Technology Center intending it to go to the side of the sewer easement all the way down to Constitution Boulevard. He stated from Constitution Boulevard all the way up to Ivy Brook Road and all the way down Ivy Brook Road and along the sewer easement would be all open space. He then presented an aerial view of the property and pointed out Pitney Bowes, Latex Foam, Route 110, and Ivy Brook. He pointed out the cul-de-sac, the piece of property he is developing next to the Four Winds, and the three buildings of the Shelton Technology Center.

Harriet asked what is the outline on the right. Mr. Cuminotto said it is 13.7 acre parcel that is under contract to sell. He said there will be a closing of the property tomorrow. Harriet asked if the new buyer will come to PZC what will he propose to do with it. Mr. Cuminotto replied the new owner is to build medical offices on that site.

Harriet asked if the property has the potential for a corridor extension. Mr. Cuminotto said nothing that can be done with it. He replied it is mandated by the Inland Wetland regulations and is a 100 year storm retention area that goes to the street. It is an easement and cannot be built upon.

Tom H. asked if in the original subdivision concept for the whole build out of his property with the Shelton Technology Center, this parcel that Mr. Cuminotto is proposing to be given as City owned open space, was considered back in the original plan. Mr. Cuminotto answered yes, his original plan always was that when he finished developing, it would be turned
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over to the City. Jim T. asked why not turn over the piece now. Mr. Cuminotto replied that logic dictates to him that it should be done when he is done with the development because it is not going to be changed, none of the trees will be cut down. There is nothing the Commission can do with it and nothing he can do with it. He added when looking at the sewer easement, he pointed to a very steep bank. He pointed out how a road would come in and continue along the cliff.

The Commission asked what is the reason to wait if he isn’t going to do anything with it. The Commission expressed its concern about the land being dumped on or being destroyed during construction. Mr. Cuminotto answered he deals with high integrity contractors. There is no problem with dumping because it is fenced in and the gate is closed at all times. He said he will have an enormous amount of rock and may want to put boulders along the slope. Mr. Cuminotto stated the open space is a gift and it is very clear that he cannot do anything with the piece of land now.

Tom H. stated for as a minimum, Mr. Cuminotto put a conservation easement on it before he does the construction. That way the Commission will have some guarantee that it would stay in its natural state with the understanding that at the end of his build out it would be deeded to the City as open space. Tom added the Commission has helped Mr. Cuminotto out by allowing him to have his signage on the open space along Ivy Brook and his little bit of a wall for the Shelton Technology Center entrance. That would be the minimum that Tom H. would look for.

Mr. Cuminotto wondered if a conservation easement would impact him negatively as far the coverage requirement by PZC regulations. Tom said no, but it would be assurance to the Commission that it would stay preserved with the understanding it would be deeded to the City afterwards in case they decided to build a trail network through there. Mr. Cuminotto said he did not have any problem with that. He said
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it accomplishes his purpose and the Commission’s also.

Mr. Cuminotto said he put in an application into PZC today for next Tuesday’s acceptance and then two weeks from that a public hearing. Jim T. told Mr. Cuminotto to put it clearly on the maps that it is a conservation easement and write on it when the development is complete that it be deeded over so there is no confusion and that there is an acceptance of easement over dedicated open space. Tom asked if he went to Inland Wetlands Commission already. Mr. Cuminotto said he did talk to John Cook about a week and a half ago. It will be proposal Lot 32, Ivy Brook Road. Mr. Cuminotto said in the back on the Rocky Rest side there is a residential lot which he wants to build on Rocky Rest Road. That is an R-1 zone. He mentioned the rest of the property is now light industrial.

At 7:55 p.m. Jim T. made a motion to write a letter to PZC that the Commission has no objection to the proposed open space being deeded at a later date in place of that open space dedication occurring at this time which is to take place within at or about a five year period. The Commission recommends that a conservation easement be placed on the said area of 4.08 acres adjacent to the existing open space adjacent to Constitution Boulevard and Ivy Brook on the project proposed site developed as shown on site development plans of Shelton Technology Center, 532 Ivy Brook Road, dated July 7, 2004.

Tom Harbinson seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Jim T. made an amendment to the letter. As a point of information to clarify the letter a description of the open space area should say the proposed open space should currently have a conservation easement placed on it until at the time in the future the open space is dedicated, which is planned to be roughly in a five year period.
- **Constitution Commons – Jim**
  This is the development proposal made for the Mas property and the former Intermediate School. We were asked to write a letter to the Mayor. Jim T. stated he wrote the letter and combined Ed M.’s thoughts into the letter. Jim T. said he can E-Mail it to anyone that wants it. Harriet has a copy and can mark it with her comments and fax it back to Jim T.

- **Any Pending**
  Tom H. asked Jimmy P. if he talked to Rick Schultz about any pending subdivisions. Jimmy P. answered, there are none.

10.0 **Open Space Inventory – Jim**
Jim T. said he has had numerous calls from the City to get the Open Space Inventory document and it is very expensive to produce. The cost would be about $30 to duplicate the books Jim has already printed. He said he checked around and the lowest he could get 50 books for was $569. That is if he does the maps in color and the rest of the booklet, such as the headings, in black and white. Jim T. mentioned the secretary of the Board of Aldermen asked for 10 additional copies, PZC asked for several copies for their board members, Inland Wetlands wanted a reference copy, Terry Gallagher wanted one, and every member of the Conservation Commission would like one.

The Commission made the decision to take the money out of the Commission’s budget in Program Development for the books. If the open space inventory booklet is given to the City agencies, it would be at no cost, but if someone from outside wants it, the charge would be $20.

At 8:05 p.m. Tom Harbinson made a motion to make 50 copies of the Open Space Inventory for the $569 quote as obtained by Jim Tate which will come out of the Commission’s Program Development budget line item.

Hank Lauriat seconded the motion.

Tom Harbinson amended the motion saying the Commission would distribute copies to City agencies.
for no cost, but for outside people the Commission would charge $20 a copy.

All in favor; motion passed.

11.0 Report of Conservation Agent – Jimmy Pjura

1. Landkeepers’ Program
   Jimmy P. said he has 22 perspective landkeepers of which 13 are assigned properties and active and he is going to hopefully get the rest. He is getting a good response with the people he has talked to and is building up the roster.

2. Violations of Open Space
   a. Pearmain Road
      He spoke with Tracy Lewis today who informed him the survey would be between $400 and $500. Jimmy P. told him to do the survey. It will be between the City property and the homeowner’s driveway. He said the homeowner has an easement next to the driveway. According to Tracy, it is an easement from the City. The Commission does not remember any easement. Tom H. told Jimmy P. to find out if there is any documentation in the land records for the conservation easement and open space boundary for the next meeting. He will tell Tracy Lewis that we want the boundary line pinned.

   b. Nature’s Way
      Jimmy P. presented pictures of what is taking place there and asked what to do next with it. Tom H. asked if these are violations involving cutting down the trees above Southbank on the private conservation easements. Jimmy P. said yes. Tom H. mentioned that will tie into the conservation easements violations item on Number 7 of the agenda. The Commission wants Jimmy P. to document what these violations are, where they are located, when he saw them, and put them in a letter to be sent to Atty. Tom Welch including letters that were previously sent to the homeowners regarding the violations and to include any documentation he has, such as people’s names and addresses, dates and times of visits.
In addition, Harriet asked Jimmy P. if he called the woman who lives on Nature’s Way who wanted to know where the open space was. Harriet had given Jimmy P. the woman’s letter last week and had asked him to call her. Later in the meeting, Harriet remembered Stacy, the woman’s name. Jimmy P. said he had spoken with her at her home and answered her question.

3. Use of $50,000 for Huntington Woods
   Jimmy P. gave Rick Schultz a letter regarding the $50,000 for the Huntington Wood Trust Fund. Rick said it was not $50,000, but it was $60,000. Harriet said the Commission wanted to know the stipulations of the approval of that subdivision and to give the Commission the wording for the use of the $60,000. Tom H. said Jimmy P. should see Rick Schultz about the process of the approval and what was entertained in the Huntington Wood Trust Fund. Harriet stated it would have been stated in the conditions of approval in the PZC letter to the developer, Monty Blakeman.

4. Hanging of Open Space and Conservation Easement Signs
   a. Old Subdivisions
      Jimmy P. is finishing up Huntington Woods this month with Jim Swift. He has done no old subdivisions.
   b. New Subdivisions
      He said he hasn’t got to any of the new subdivisions, yet.
      Harriet asked Jimmy P., since he has been there, if Rick Schultz has ever asked him to go out to check any subdivisions to see if the signs are hung. Jimmy P. said no.

5. Grass Compost site/compost site at E. Shelton School
   Jimmy P. said he stopped by there this week and nothing has changed.
   Tom H. asked him about the Abbey Wright property with stumps and trees dumped there by the City. Jimmy said no, he hadn’t seen them. Tom H. told him to look into that, also, because that relates into composting. Tom H. mentioned they had
talked about using the Abbey Wright property as a new composting site.

The Commission discussed recommendations of removing the grass compost. The Commission would like Jimmy P. to send an in-house proposal/letter that could be kept in the file detailing the Commission’s recommendations for its concepts as to how to deal with grass composting, leaf composting, stumps, sand sweepings, and how it can be dealt with between Elizabeth Shelton School, the Abbey Wright property, and containers, if necessary, for recycling and processing. Terry J. stated it should be written as a draft letter and E-Mailed to the members of the Commission before the next meeting.

6. Installation of Gates
Jimmy P. got the price of the gates and the fellow is now making the gates. He said the price was previously $350 each, but now are $500 each. Jim T. said Dean Cawthra wants to put the gate at some location that is not where the Trails Committee dictated where it wanted it. Jim T. told Jimmy P. to talk to Dean as to where the gate will be located. Jimmy P. replied he has talked to Dean. Tom H. suggested to Jimmy he will meet with him in the next couple days to go on a field walk to see where Dean wants to put these gates.

Harriet said she assumed the gates were in and has already submitted the bill. So he will get paid before the gates are in, but Tom H. stated he will be paid for fabrication and usually Dean Cawthra installs them. Harriet read a letter to Harriet W. and Terry J. from Sandy Nesteriak stating the Commission should review Oak Valley Road just past the first house on the right to prevent 4 wheel drive and ATV traffic on City trails, and to please advise her if a gate should be installed to prevent this traffic. Jimmy P. said that is where Dean Cawthra would like to put the gate.
Harriet said she has two more gates encumbered from the old budget. The gate Dean would like is from the new budget.

In other business, Jimmy P. received several phone calls from people regarding the letters that he distributed at Huntington Wood. He went to their houses today if they had any questions or concerns.

Steve Ng, Eagle Scout, wants to finish his project. Dean said he would drop off some compost at the site, so Steve can finish the project.

6.0 **PUAC: Plan Update Advisory Committee – Tom, Jim**

Jim T. stated he and Tom H. are on this committee which meets every other Monday or more. Everybody should know this committee is charged by the PZC to work on a direction for the City’s growth and development plan and conservation development for the next 10 years. It is statue mandated by the State. This committee has spent the last 3 or 4 months hashing out a contract with a group called Planametrics which handles most of these types of situations. Jim T’s concern is what the PUAC will do in a situation from the standpoint of open space, conservation, quality of life, and any land use issues without a plan from our Commission addressing these issues. That would also mean land purchases, capital expenditures, bonding issues, school referendums, and how we use land in farmland preservation or how we protect this land for the next 10 years. He stated Tom and he should be better prepared now in order to put our best foot forward in that whole plan direction because Jim T. can easily see decisions being made without our input.

Jim T. stated there is a good group of people on this committee who are very fair, and it is a very complicated process. The Committee will be getting down to fairly hard decision making issues. Some of them will respond to how much effort a person puts in toward the preservation of open space and what the goals are for open space; are they 15%, have the goals been met, are they 20%. Terry J. said that is
where the Commission should get razor sharp on if all the categories are lumped together, it might be 30%. Jim T. added it became clear at the public input meeting that the greatest issue by public vote was open space, and it was by a large margin.

He said we need to address the open space issues prior to formulating a plan so that we know what the direction may be in the plan. Terry J. said the most useful thing to do done is to sharpen up the Commission’s open space plan. Terry J. stated it is a golden opportunity to ride the wave of public support. Tom H. said the Commission wants to stay ahead of that wave; we do not want it crashing down upon us. We want to be ahead on the decisions about to be made.

Tom H. said the open space inventory is an appendix to the open space plan. Jim T. said they have to work to get the open space committee to write an amendment or a statement within the next 6 months about what they see as a potential direction for the City to take in regard to open space issues.

Jim T. also suggested the Commission should get the quality of life list updated.

The Commission discussed the details and definitions of open space.

Terry J. recommended Tom H. and Jim T. to have a two hour workshop to be ahead in the Plan Update Advisory Committee in regard to the Commission’s goals concerning definitions, delineations, and concepts of open space such as preserved open space, and conserved land. We will invite Open Space Committee members and on Thursday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. Jim T. stated the idea is to come up with a specific agenda that can be accomplished that night.

7.0 Ordinance for Conservation Easement Violations - Ed
The Commission thought $100 fine for each offense was too low, but then realized each day is a separate offense and each tree cut or removed would be a separate offense so the fine could become substantial.
At 9:00 p.m. Ed McCreery made a motion to send the Protection of Conservation Easement Ordinance to Atty. Tom Welch stating this is what the Conservation Commission came up with and the Commission would like his input before it is sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Terry J. seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

8.0 Modification of PZC Subdivision Regulations - Ed
Ed M. stated the Commission wants to propose to PZC to amend their regulations so as not to say developer shall give up to 10% and change it to be of such an amount the Commission would deem appropriate but not less than 10%. Ed M. said probably, as in the past, the Commission has come up with specific language for them, so in the next meeting Ed M. will have new language.

13.0 Quality of Life - Possible Executive Session - Terry
This is in regard to the presentation of Joan Donofrio last month, about her property, Above the Overlook. Jimmy walked the property. Tom H. asked if he had any impressions. Jimmy P. said it was a nice piece of property and was very useful for open space. It links up the trail system connecting the Blue Dot across Route 110 and the parcels the City just purchased. Owl Hill will have good vistas looking down the river when the leaves drop. Rock outcroppings were really nice. There was a lot of wildlife. Jimmy P. did not take any pictures. Terry J. told him whenever he goes out to bring the camera with him. Tom H. told him Jimmy P. should have a report prepared for the Commission outlining the highlights of the visit, pictures of the visit, and features of the property. The Commission can have a report of the highlights of the property saved for the Board of Aldermen when the Commission wants to acquire this parcel.

Terry J. stated Jimmy P. will make a more formal report. Terry J. said the Commission will keep it on the back burner until the Commission gets another grant, such as a DEP grant. Tom H. said it would be a good candidate for a grant as was used for Indian Wells Overlook.
At 9:26 p.m. Harriet W. moved forward for an appraisal for land presented to us by Joan Donofrio called Above the Overlook.

Ed McCreery seconded the motion. All in favor;

Terry J. stated this is part of a larger piece and she is splitting off some of the land and keeping the land her house is on. She has to define where that line is going to be. So, if the Commission showed this to an appraiser, he would be able see where that line is and will be able to show it on a map. Harriet W. said Ms. Donofrio was supposed to get us maps. Jimmy P. said he would go to see her next week and get maps.

Harriet made an amendment to the motion that the appraisal will be done at the discretion of the chair people. Ed McCreery seconded the amendment. All in favor.

14.0 Comments by Members

Joe Welsh would like to comment on the grant the Commission just submitted regarding The DEP Open Space Watershed Acquisition Grant. There were a lot of people that helped and wrote letters of support from Rick Schultz from PZC, J. Pagliaro from PZC, John Cook from Inland Wetlands, Jim Ryan, Land Trust, Charlene DeFillippo, and everyone else who worked on the Commission to get this done.

Harriet W. handed out copies of the first two pages of the Open Space Inventory Book which have definitions on it, which will be discussed in the July 15th meeting.

Terry J. talked about Joe Pagliaro, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Many different parties have come to him to do something in Joe’s memory. Terry J. said he has spoken to members of the Conservation Commission about utilizing the Charter Oak he has at the farm and commissioning Jim T. to find a place on the riverfront to put a stone and one tree. He mentioned a member of the Rotary was adamant about the Rotary wanting to purchase a piece of downtown property for a little park. Terry J. and
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several others have asked Jim Ryan to be the conduit who called a meeting on July 30th to coordinate the effort. The Commission agreed it would be a nice to do something. Terry J. said he would represent the Commission at the meeting.

15.0 Adjournment
At 9:30 p.m. Tom Harbinson entertained a motion to adjourn, made by Jim Tate. Seconded by Hank Lauriat. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by _________________________
Anita Shortell, Secretary