City of Shelton, Conservation Commission
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Agenda for Meeting of August 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Shelton City Hall, Room 303

- 7:00 pm Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes .........................................................July 1, 2015
- Public Portion (items not on agenda) ........................................see footer notes
- Trails Committee Report – Bill Dyer
- Open Space Trust Account: Status
- Budget Status:
- Review of PZC or IWC Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments
  1. Old Applications / Monitor / Follow-up
  i. 
  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.)
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- Ad-hoc Committee Reports - Natural Resource Manager
  1. Request for new computer
  2. Community Garden Committee – Garden event scheduled
  3. Anti-Litter Committee - Far Mill River update
- Open Space management
  1. Removal of invasive plants coming in along Rec Path and at Long Hill garden, especially mugwort.
  2. Birchbank Mountain: Summer Conservation intern
  3. Mayflower Lane update OS 48
  4. Sawmill City OS93, tree cutting & dirt bikes
  5. New Open Space: OS 27.25 Shevzov, map filed
- Communications (sent or received)
- Quality of Life – Executive Session (land acquisition and security issues)
  1. Security
  2. **Quality of Life List for open space acquisition - update
- Comments by Members............................................................All
- Adjournment - Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:.............September 2, 2015

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