CITY OF SHELTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
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Present: Tom Harbinson, Chairman
Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman
Pat Gajdosik, Commissioner
James Tate, Commissioner
Ed McCreery, Commissioner

Also Present: Terry Gallagher

Absent: Sheri Dutkanicz, Commissioner

CC minutes, submitted via tcoffice@cityofshelton.org email to City Clerk for legal posting requirements.
Tape recording of meeting available at City Clerk's office.
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
Commissioner Gajdosik moved to approve the July Minutes. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dyer. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)
None.

D. Trails Committee Report
• Two trail work parties were held in July.
• Basil Brook hike was canceled due to weather
• Parks and Rec cleaned up Abby Wright parking area and did a great job.
• The Rec Path is being used quite a bit
• There is a full moon hike on 9/28.
• Expenses:

Chairman Harbinson entertained a motion to reimburse $101.52 in expenses incurred by Trails Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Gajdosik. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

• There is a continuing situation with vandalism on the Paugaussett trail on Mayflower Lane.
• As a result of the issue on Mayflower, the trail manager, Lynn Reid has resigned her duties for the trail.
• The Trails Committee passed a motion to propose action(s) to the Conservation Commission to:
  1. Install 4x4’s in concrete with trail signs and markers at the end
  2. Install security camera with a sign that informs the presence of the camera
  3. Inform police that this installation was done so if anything is vandalized it is a reportable action.
  4. Regular walks will be taken to monitor the trail location.
5. The Trails committee will support any action that Conservation chooses to take on behalf of open space.

Discussion of how to proceed with action on situation.

Commissioner McCreery proposed a motion that the Natural Resource Manager prepare a letter to the property owners of 35 Mayflower Lane, stating that personal property should be removed from the city open space inhibiting access to the Paugusset trail by August 31. Inspection will take place and if not complied with, the department of public works will be brought in to remove it. Secondly, due to continued issues of encroachment and blockage of the Paugusset trail, a series of boulders will be installed by the City Conservation Commission adjacent to the property line, between your property and that of the City of Shelton. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Mayor, Shelton Police detective, Corporation Counsel and the appropriate Alderman.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCreery to have the Trails committee to solicit three quotes from landscape or equipment contractors for the installation of boulders of 1 cubic yard each (or larger) to be positioned a sufficient quantity for a line directed along the property line the trails committee shall deem appropriate. Boulders should be placed approximately 2 or 3 feet in from the property line.

Motions Seconded by Vice-Chairman Dyer. All in favor, MOTIONS PASSED.

E. Open Space Trust Account Status
No report.

F. Budget Status
Within Budget. It is now updated in real time on Google Docs by the Natural Resource Manager.

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

1. Old Applications/Monitor/Follow-up
   None.

2. New Applications
   None.
H. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Natural Resource Manager
   1. Request for new computer.

   Commissioner McCreery entertained a motion to spend up to $1000.00 for the resource officer to acquire a new computer dedicated to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Gajdosik. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

   2. Community Garden: 2 garden parties, Long Hill at the end of August.
   4. Deer Committee- Report submitted to Aldermen, waiting for response

I. Open Space Management
   1. Removal of invasives continues.
   2. Birchbank Mountain: Summer Conservation intern work continues
   3. Mayflower Lane: see Trails Report
   4. Sawmill City OS 93, tree cutting and dirt bike usage has become problematic.
   5. New Open Space OS 27.25 Shevzov, map filed.

J. Communications
   None.

K. Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition and Security Issues)
   None.

L. Comments By Members
   Commissioner Walsh attended a workshop called Building Equity in Farm Leasing, which was sponsored by UCONN Scaling Up Program for Beginning Farmers.

   The Natural Resource Manager will be collecting soil samples and bringing them up to the CT Ag station.
M. Adjournment
Chairman Harbinson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Scalenghe
Clerk, Conservation Commission