A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – 7:00 P.M.

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)

D. Trails Committee Report – Bill Dyer

E. Open Space Trust Account Status

F. Budget Status

G. Review of PZC or IWC Applications for Subdivisions/Developments
   1. Old Applications/monitor/Follow Up
   2. New Applications
      East Village Road 9-lot Subdivision “Rosa Drive”, John Getz to present proposal
   3. 8-24 Referral from Mayor’s office – Request to purchase city property located on Howe Avenue currently used as a parking area. Map 117.B-62, adjacent to #368 Howe Avenue between Cornell and Center Streets.

H. Open Space Management

I. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Natural Resource Manager
   1. Community Garden Committee-Garden event
   2. Anti-Litter Committee-Far Mill River update
   3. Deer Committee – Report submitted to Aldermen, waiting for response

J. Communications (sent or received)

K. Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition & Security Issues)

L. Comments By Members

M. Adjournment – Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – September 2, 2015

Present: Tom Harbinson, Chairman
          Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman
          Pat Gajdosik, Commissioner
          James Tate, Commissioner
          Joe Walsh, Commissioner
          Ed McCreery, Commissioner
          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 7:10 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Gajdosik moved to approve the August Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Walsh. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

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

D. Trails Committee Report

- One work party was held in August on Lane Street.
- Basil Brook bypass trail hike was held.
- Lynn Reid has submitted her resignation to the trails committee.
- The Trails committee will have a booth at Shelton Day.
- Request for updated trail maps.
- Met with homeowners at Mayflower Lane to discuss plantings/vegetation/fencing
- Posts are going to be installed at site
- Planning on a full moon hike on September 27th at Lane St.
- October 17 or 18 will be a hotdog hike at Birchbank.
- Additional work at Pearmain Trail on September 26.
- Gas receipt submitted $13.01 for gasoline.

Chairman Harbinson entertained a motion to reimburse $13.01 in expenses incurred by Trails Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Tate. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

- Vice Chairman Dyer received an inquiry email from a Boy Scout to possibly work with the Trails Committee.
- Discussion of fence at 865 Far Mill River. A resident had concern about approval, but there was an emergency action by the Mayor to put a stop to vandalism in the area.
E. Open Space Trust Account Status
No report.

F. Budget Status
Within all of Budget line items.

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

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

2. New Applications
East Village Road 9-lot Subdivision “Rosa Drive”, John Getz

Mr. Getz stated that the property is 12 acres. It does not connect with open space. The proposal is for a subdivision. Presentation of property plans.

3. 8-24 Referral from Mayor’s office – Request to purchase city property located on Howe Avenue currently used as a parking area. Map 117.B-62, adjacent to #368 Howe Avenue between Cornell and Center Streets.

Tabled until the next meeting pending further information.

H. Open Space Management

1. Birchbank Mountain – invasive plant removal, deer exclosures, and “Mixed Mesophytic Community.” Natural Resource Manager Gallagher discussed the plant-life she observed while working at Birchbank.

H. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Natural Resource Manager

• Community Garden Committee – their social event was a success
• Anti-Litter Committee - Far Mill River update
• Deer Committee – Report submitted to Aldermen, waiting for response
J. Communications
None.

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

L. Comments By Members
Commissioner Walsh attended Land Trust Regional Summit in Prospect, CT. North Branford Land Trust is having an Owl Prowl Saturday, September 19 at the Watershed grounds in the evening.

Commissioner Dutkanicz attended a display at the Kellogg estate on litter.

Commissioner Tate commented on the progress of the Riverwalk and the scope of the project.

Chairman Harbinson stated that the memorial service for Philip Jones will take place on Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

M. Adjournment
Chairman Harbinson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Scalenghe
Clerk, Conservation Commission