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Present: Tom Harbinson, Chairman  Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman  James Tate, Commissioner  Ed McCreery, Commissioner  Joe Walsh, Commissioner  Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent

Also Present: Terry Gallagher  Helen Solotruk, Clerk

**A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chairman Dyer 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

A motion was made by Chairman Harbinson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dyer, to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2014 meeting. Vote – All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

C. Public Portion (Items Not on Agenda)
Guy Beardsley brought little leaf cucumbers for the Commission members to try. Discussion.

Guy Beardsley reported that the a member of the Board of Alderman told him that the Farmers Market license is being re-written but he is not sure of what changes were made. Discussion.

Guy Beardsley reported that there is a woman who sells doll clothes at the Farmers Market and he had informed her that she must have a certificate of insurance which she now has.

Guy Beardsley reported that he has informed Teresa Ryan from The Higgins Group that she will need a certificate of insurance in order for her to continue advertising her business.

Guy Beardsley reported that the Farmers Market is doing fantastic and he requested that the Commission members stop by on a Saturday morning to see what the Farmers Market is all about. Discussion.

Discussion of the possibility of having a winter market.

D. Trails Committee Report
Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Gator was serviced but we have not received an invoice yet. Discussion.

Vice-Chairman discussed purchasing fence rails. Commissioner Tate recommended that the Trails Committee purchase a pallet of fence rails. Discussion.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Trails Committee has a table reserved for Shelton Day on Sunday, October 5th. The Committee will be passing out trail maps.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that he has met with Mayor Lauretti and discussed the following:

- The Far Mill River Pedestrian Bridge at the Huntington Loop – Vice-Chairman Dyer suggested having a contractor provide a bridge similar to the one at Old Mine Park in Trumbull. Discussion of type of bridge and how it would be constructed. Mayor Lauretti agreed that if we were able to
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get a grant for this bridge, he would provide city workers to install it. Discussion of permits needed.

- Potential Loop Around SIS – Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Mayor agrees with the idea of making a trail loop around SIS and the Trails Committee has already scheduled a work party to complete this. Discussion.

- Trail Maintenance – Vice-Chairman Dyer talked with Mayor Lauretti regarding the 19 miles of trails that are throughout the City. Vice-Chairman Dyer explained to Mayor Lauretti that help is needed in order to maintain all of these trails. Mayor Lauretti asked for a list of projects that can be completed starting in the fall and he will have Parks & Rec help out. Discussion.

- Riverwalk – Vice-Chairman Dyer discussed with Mayor Lauretti the idea of a cable stay cantilever pedestrian only bridge to be constructed over the water and under the railroad bridge which would be supported by the Shelton/Derby Bridge itself. Discussion. Terry Gallagher suggested keeping the riverbank open for pedestrian access. Discussion.

Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that the Moonlight Hike has been changed to Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. Conservation Agent Gallagher will be scheduling a Biodiversity Hike through the Plumb Memorial Library which will take place in November. Discussion. Vice-Chairman Dyer reported that there are currently 3 Eagle Scout projects underway:
  - Beech Tree Hill Road – The City just delivered 2 trucks of mulch which will be spread.
  - Trail Improvements at Birchbank – This project was completed by Tom Savarese. Discussion of project.
  - Kiosk at Buddington – This project will begin on Saturday, September 6th.

E. Open Space Trust Account Status
No Report.

F. Budget Status
No Report.

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

1. Old Applications/Monitor/Follow-up
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2. New Applications

   i. 35 Twin Brook Drive – 2 Lots Re-Subdivision.

   At this time, Dave Turechek, 35 Twin Brook Drive, attended the meeting to discuss his re-subdivision of 2 lots. Mr. Turechek acquired a 1acre lot from his neighbor and he wants to re-divide both lots. The Commission reviewed this application and reviewed the open space areas on the map near this property. Discussion. **A motion was made by Chairman Harbinson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dyer, to write a letter to Planning & Zoning in response to Application 14-17 on the re-subdivision of Lot 4A & 4B on 35 Twin Brook Drive. In light of previous sub-division of the development and in light of the fact that there is no contiguous potential of open space or greenway corridor, an open space dedication requirement would be waived.** Discussion. Vote – All in Favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

H. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Conservation Agent

1. Deer Committee
   No Report.
2. **Community Gardens Committee**
Conservation Agent Gallagher reported that she went to the Community Gardens and interviewed people about the Gardens. The article was in the Shelton Herald. Discussion.

- **Eklund Garden**
  No Report.

- **Dog Park Garden**
  No Report.

3. **Anti-Litter Committee**
Conservation Agent Gallagher reported that there is a Far Mill River Clean-Up scheduled for this Saturday. Discussion.
The Anti-Litter Committee is participating in Clean Sweep and Adopt A Street. Conservation Agent Gallagher would also like to clean up the Far Mill River Swimming Hole every fall. Richard Schultz, Planning & Zoning, is working with the owners at 865 River Road to put up security cameras at the public parking area. A sign will be posted with all of the rules for the trails and garbage cans will be placed there. Discussion.

**Tape 1 – Side B**

I. **Communications (Sent or Received)**
No Report.

J. **Grant Compliance Status for 7 DEEP Open Space Grants and 2 FRPP Agricultural PDR Grants – Conservation Agent**
Conservation Agent Gallagher reported that she has put up signs on the overlook property, took a picture and sent a letter to DEEP stating that we are now in compliance. Discussion.

K. **Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition and Security Issues)**
No Report.
L. Comments By Members
Conservation Agent Gallagher submitted an invoice for a string trimmer in the amount of $143.00. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dyer, seconded by Commissioner McCreery, to reimburse Conservation Agent Gallagher for the string trimmer that is used at Eklund Gardens. Vote – All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.
Commissioner McCreery reported that Hazardous Waste Collection Day is going to be held on October 4th. Discussion.
Commissioner Walsh reported that the CT Forest & Woods Run is this weekend in Burlington, CT. Discussion

M. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Solotruk
Clerk, Conservation Commission