CITY OF SHELTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.  
Minutes should be considered a draft version until approved by CC at their next meeting.

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Present:  
Tom Harbinson, Chairman  
Bill Dyer, Vice-Chairman  
Sheri Dutkanicz, Commissioner  
Pat Gajdosik, Commissioner  
Joe Walsh, Commissioner

Absent:  
James Tate, Commissioner  
Ed McCreery, Commissioner

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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 7:25 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

D. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2016
Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month.
January 6
February 3
March 2
April 6
May 11
June 1
July 6
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7

Commissioner Gajdosik made a motion to approve the dates of the 2016
meetings, seconded by Commissioner Walsh. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

E. Trails Committee Report- Bill Dyer
1. Mayflower Lane- moving the basketball hoop has not physically been
done yet. A split rail fence is to be installed.
2. Resurface Rec Path- Mayor said to get quotes.
3. Robert Wood is a new member of the Trails Committee to replace Lynn
Reid.
4. A full moon hike was held
5. The Turkey Day Trot will be on 11/29 at 1:00 pm at SIS
6. The Bluff Walk work party will be at Riverview Park on 11/14 at 8:30 am
7. Two Boy Scouts attended the Trails meeting for merit badges. One is interested in building a kiosk at the Intermediate School for their garden.
8. Expenses to be reimbursed to Richard Skudlarek in the amount of $77.62.

Chairman Harbinson made a motion to approve the expenses to be reimbursed to Richard Skudlarek. All In Favor. Motion Approved.

Terry Gallagher reported that a new backpack leaf-blower was purchased. The brush cutter is being tuned-up. There is a work party at Eklund on 11/7 at 10 am, and the Gator is still being worked on. He spoke with CFPA about trail management of the Pauwassett and chainsaw training.

F. Budget Status
Within all of Budget line items.

G. Review of PZC or IWC Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments
1. Old Applications: None.
2. New Applications: 15-21 Long Hill Cross Roads LLC (J & L LLC) PDD #69 for 3 units.

Review of map and file. Wetlands discussion.

Chairman Harbinson stated for the record that the Conservation Commission has reviewed Application 15-21-21 with a referral notice of November 4 and a public hearing scheduled for November 10 for Long Hill Cross Roads Parcel A, PDD #69. Drawing 1 of 3 shows incorrect orientation of the North Arrow and detention calculations are labeled in square feet, and should be in cubic feet.

The Conservation Commission is encouraged to see the storm water underground detention systems utilized for the impervious surfaces on the three units as that will improve the water run-off quality to the sensitive wetlands that are in such close proximity to the development. The boundary or edge of disturbance be demarcated with a permanent style marker such as a boulder or naturalized element that would be immovable to future property owners.
We would encourage the landscape plan to include plantings along the wetlands buffer, such as a spice-bush or others appropriate for the boundary.

A motion was made by Chairman Harbinson to have the Natural Resource Manager draft these suggestions for the Commission to review the fine points. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

H. Open Space Report- Teresa Gallagher

1. Nells Rock/Oak Valley site visits by James and Mary Gage (stonestructures.org) and Lucianne Lavin from the Institute for American Indian Studies. Research into the former Cam family properties along Oak Valley Trail, free-born African Americans with property purchased in 1790. Teresa Gallagher did extensive research for the Cam family and their properties. She presented a graphic of the property areas and where it was presumed the families presided, along with possible family trees.

The question to be answered is whether or not they were Native American. She did find some associations with Native Americans, particularly a marriage that was between Chief Sherman and a Cam family member.

Chairman Harbinson encouraged Teresa Gallagher to prepare a presentation on her research.

2. Stockmal Woods PDR- Further discussion needed

I. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports – Natural Resource Manager

- Community Garden Committee – Shelton Lakes garden work party at 11/7 at 10:00 am.
- Anti-Litter Committee-None.
- Deer Committee – None.

J. Communications

None.
K. Quality of Life – Executive Session (Land Acquisition and Security Issues)
Chairman Harbinson made a motion to enter into Executive session at 8:46 PM. The Commission came out of executive session at 9:00 PM.

L. Comments By Members

- Commissioner Dutkanicz said that 2 residents from Permain Road asked about the locked gate. Chairman Harbinson said that they could get access to the gate from the Natural Resource Manager, Teresa Gallagher.

- Commissioner Walsh said that the Land Trust hiked the yellow trail.

- Teresa Gallagher warned that hikers should wear blaze orange on the trail because of hunting season.

- Commissioner Gajdosik heard a radio segment on a planned deer hunt, and wanted to know what the latest is on our deer committee. Teresa Gallagher replied that there has been no action by the Board of Alderman at this time.

- Teresa Gallagher showed a picture of a letterbox in Colbrook, CT that was attacked by a bear.

- Chairman Harbinson commented that he was happy to see Tall Farm has a Face Book page for their farm stand as well as a new place called Rudy’s Creamery.

M. Adjournment
Chairman Harbinson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Scalenghe
Clerk, Conservation Commission