

City of Shelton, Conservation Commission
 Agenda for Regular Meeting of October 3, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
 Shelton City Hall, Room 303



Note: If you have questions regarding the agenda, contact Conservation Agent Teresa Gallagher @ 203.924.1555 x315

7:00 7:20 8:00 8:45 9:00
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- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Approval of MinutesSeptember 5, 2007
- C. Public Portion (items not on agenda)see footer notes
- D. Trails Committee Report – Bill Dyer
- E. Review of P&Z Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments
 - i. Old Applications / Monitor / Follow-up
 - 1. 49 Wesley Drive, ZBA #907-3, reduction in rear setback to 6 feet from abutting open space for swimming pool. Follow-up
 - ii. New Applications (Applications received between agenda creation and our Regular Meeting may be amended to this Agenda at start of meeting by a vote from the Commission.)
- F. Open Space Plan of 2007 – Review of draft, status. All
- G. Communications (sent or received).....Tom H.
- H. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2005 Applicant 1: Homestead Acres
 - i. USDA Review of NRCS and Shelton's FFPP Grant Award
 - 1. Appraisal greater than 12 months old, needs updating for closing, must go out to bid.
 - 2. New survey must be done to A2 standard for title insurance. Bids opened on Sept. 13.
- I. Conservation Agent ReportTeresa G.
 - i. Open Space Inventory & Mapping – ongoing with Regis
 - ii. Community Resource Inventory Committee, first meeting is being scheduled.
 - iii. Open Space inspecting, signage, encroachments: Effort to utilize City CADD Engineering and GIS map systems by converting CT 1927 Datum coordinates to universal WSG84 Datum used by satellites for GPS receivers, to be used in the field to locate approximate property lines.
 - iv. Open Space Trust Account – status Report. Rec Path Grants – Status of grant reimbursement
 - v. Ct State Grant of \$2500 for Recreation Path. Application submitted by Community Development.
 - vi. Consolidated Rec Path Grant: Waiting for Engineering Department, Highways and Bridges, and Trails Committee to supply Conservation with Services-in-Kind, so that the City can apply for \$75k reimbursement.
 - vii. Open Space Website: New website of Shelton open space published to <http://sheltonopenspace.googlepages.com/>
 - viii. Landkeeper Program: Potential Landkeeper patch for Scouts. GS Troop 363 has adopted the Huntington Wellfield property, east of the river. Other Girl Scout troops have expressed an interest, but have indicated they would like us to tell them which open spaces to adopt. A new High School Club, the Green Tees, is forming and has expressed interest in the program. Landkeepers will be listed on the new open space website.

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- ix. Far Mill River water quality: Macroinvertebrate samples were collected in September 2007 by HVA volunteers for Indian Hole Brook and the Far Mill River. The DEP summary of 2006 samples is online at http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/water/volunteer_monitoring/2006rbvreport.pdf. Results so far show that the water is oxygenated enough to support a limited population of sensitive species such as stoneflies, but the predominance of species such as netspinner caddis fly, fingernet caddis fly, and black fly larvae suggests the river carries an elevated organic load due to polluted stormwater run-off. Additional sampling points upriver were added in 2007.
- x. HVA Brochure: HVA has applied for a grant to publish a pamphlet for our section of the river that will list recreational features in the watershed as well as information on non-point source pollution.
- xi. Open Space fines – May be increased to \$250 by Board of Aldermen if Conservation make a request.
- xii. Fee in Lieu of Payments: Status of missing payments totaling \$20,000 from Windy Hill Subdivision (Ten Coat Lane)
- xiii. Plastic BBs: Thousands of non-biodegradable Plastic Airsoft BBs are turning up on the open space properties throughout the City, sold by stores such as Wal-Mart in containers holding 18,000 BBs.
- xiv. CACIWC conference, Saturday, November 10. \$40

J. Quality of Life – Executive Session (land purchase issues)

- i. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 1: MB:M
- ii. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 2: MB:W
- iii. Parcel SL:M Tom H
- iv. Parcel SL:K2 Tom H
- v. Parcel SL:B – Appraisal underway Bill D/Joe W
- vi. Parcel SL:K Bill D/Joe W
- vii. Parcel FM:Y – no activity Teresa
- viii. Parcel IB:SS – no activity Teresa
- ix. Parcel HR:BB – BOA authorized purchase Teresa

K. Comments by MembersAll

L. Adjournment - Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:November 7, 2007

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