

## **Conservation Commission Meeting**

**August 12, 2014**

The Conservation Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 2014 in Room 111 of the Birdseye Complex, 468 Birdseye Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** K. Rodia, J. DiMenno, W. McCann, R. Heiden, M. Stewart

**Members Absent:** Chairman Dancho

**Also Present:**

**Call to Order:** In the absence of Chairman Dancho, Mr. DiMenno called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Rodia made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heiden. The motion carried unanimously.

**Open Space Committee Report:** Mr. Heiden updated the Commissioners on the Rooney property – an appeal of the ruling had been filed – a hearing will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Bridgeport Superior Court to dismiss the appeal – noted this was standard operating procedure. The group is trying to raise funds for legal counsel - suggested the Conservation Commission consider contributing. It was suggested contacting the Audobon Society.

Mr. DiMenno reported he had a meeting with Mayor Harkins and Mr. Dillon in reference to the north field of Pirhala Farm. During this meeting, it was noted that since Terry Backer no longer has the contract for the south field he would like more availability for educational purposes. He has been in contact with Harold Griest and when plan is in place he will present it to the Mayor. Mr. McCann suggested he propose to the Mayor that the Conservation Commission would like to help with the south field.

**Conservation Administrators Report:** In the absence of Brian Carey, there will be no Administrators Report.

**Old Business:** Ms. Rodia noted the Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Conservation has monies in the budget to purchase pumpkin seeds. Mr. McCann suggested she contact Harte Seeds who has been very generous in the past. Seeds could be either planted at home or at Pirhala Farms. This could be a family project. Seeds could be started in school, planted and return in the Fall. Pumpkins do not require much energy in the summer months.

**New Business:** Ms. Rodia discussed the new housing development proposed for Main Street across from the YMCA. Commissioners discussed the Plan for Conservation and Development. **Mr. McCann made a motion to request a copy of the Plan for Conservation and Development for the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodia. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. DiMenno discussed the Marsh Tours and suggested tours of Roosevelt Forest and Pirhala Farm be implemented. Harold Griest, Science Coordinator, is in favor of these field trips.

There being no further items to discuss, Ms. Rodia made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCann. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio