

Conservation Commission Meeting

May 12, 2015

The Conservation Commission conducted a regularly, scheduled meeting on May 12, 2015 in Room 111 of the Birdseye Complex, 468 Birdseye Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Chairman Dancho, J. DiMenno, K.Rodia, W. McCann

Members Absent: M. Stewart, R. Heiden

Call to Order: Chairman Dancho called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Rodia made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. DiMenno. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Space Committee Report: no report

Conservation Administrators Report: Chairman Dancho mentioned Mr. Carey leaving and what an asset he was to Stratford. Need to fill position; someone needs to oversee the various projects going on throughout the town. He also discussed sending a joint letter recommending the position be filled soon. Get an appointment to address the importance of this position.

Economic Development contacted Mr. Dancho about Encon Solar Energy; they want to enter into an agreement with them. If they sell enough solar in town, then the town gets credits, which will go toward putting solar on buildings in town.

Mr. McCann reported that James Farm Road proposal was withdrawn. He also mentioned a proposal for 3 lots with a retention/detention pond, which was stated as possibly being the town's responsibility to maintain. The site for this is located at the end of Ward Street; "Ward Estates." Discussion continued and should have more details at the next meeting.

Chairman Dancho mentioned adding Inland Wetlands to the agenda, being that Mr. McCann is on the committee.

Old Business: Ms. Rodia brought up the pumpkin festival. Chairman Dancho indicated we should keep it simple and low key. Still trying to see how to incorporate the pumpkin/birds together. We need to talk with David Wright and discuss where we are going with this. Discussion ensued, more information at the next meeting.

Chairman Dancho reported that the facebook page is up and running. Ms. Rodia suggested we use the page for membership solicitation, members liked the idea. Also, Mr. DiMenno added with the recent sightings of wild animals in town, maybe we should consider putting on the page, how dangerous wild animals are, and what to do if you ever encounter one. Chairman Dancho agreed.

New Business: Committee discussed Martha Stewart's health. Chairman Dancho suggested we send her flowers and a card. Members concurred.

Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss. Ms. Rodia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCann. Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurell Barr