

## **Conservation Commission Meeting**

**September 8, 2015**

The Conservation Commission conducted a scheduled meeting on September 8, 2015 in Room 111 of the Birdseye Complex, 468 Birdseye Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** Chairman Dancho, J. DiMenno, W. McCann

Members Absent: K. Rodia, R. Heiden, M. Stewart

**Also Present:** Mrs. Batoh, Conservation Administrator

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dancho called the meeting to order at 7: 30p.m.

**Conservation Administrators Report:** Mrs. Batoh reported that a proposal was presented for five single family homes at 450 James Farm Road. It's under the affordable housing umbrella, and has a significant impact on the wetland areas. There will be a public hearing held on September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber, it would be beneficial if members can attend. She will email the application information to the members.

Mrs. Batoh had a meeting with Theresa from Shelton about Far Mill River. She viewed the area, and said it was a complete mess. She suggested possibly getting volunteer clean-up crews and setting up a meeting with Mr. O'Brien from Sterling House to see about getting dedicated volunteers. Mr. Dancho stated there are several different student organizations that could possibly be contacted. He also indicated that Green Sweep and River Clean-up could be notified too. Looking into this further.

**Old Business:** Chairman Dancho emphasized the need for members; we really need to start recruiting. Possibly combining with other committees could be viable. Mrs. Batoh said she will look into inviting members to the November meeting.

**New Business:** Mr. Dimenno presented a Tree Owners Manual; he said some of the trees around town are incorrectly mounded up too high. He brought this concern up to several people. The trees near the Victoria Soto School were fixed, but the others around town are still the same.

Mr. McCann briefed on how Ivy can have a substantial savings on the town's budget. Most of the schools in town don't have air conditioning, and last week the students were let out early because of the heat. Students can perform a science experiment at Eli Whitney School since some parts of the school have Ivy covering. Students can compare the temperature of a classroom with Ivy on the outside of the school to a classroom without Ivy. The principal there seems to be on board with this.

**Chairman Dancho mentioned how the commission needs to focus on getting core groups to help with different projects around town. Need a sponsor, and also a dedicated person to oversee various projects in order for it to be successful.**

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurell Barr