

Conservation Commission Meeting

May 10, 2016

The Conservation Commission conducted a scheduled meeting on May 10, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

Members Present: J. DiMenno, W. McCann, K. Rodia, .E. Martin, Joe Koripsky, Angela Capinera

Members Absent: Chairman Dancho, Council Representative, Joe Gresko, Conservation Administrator, Mrs. Batoh, Member, Mr. Heiden

Call to Order: Mr. DiMenno called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Prior to the regular scheduled meeting: Member Joe Koripsky presented his Ecosystem slide show.

Approval of Minutes: MR. MCCANN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2016, WITH THE CORRECTION UNDER MR. MCCANN'S MOTION, CHANGED TO "WHAT CAN HE SUGGEST BE DONE TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND MS. RODIA ADDED"HOW TIMELY CAN IT BE ACCOMPLISHED." MS. RODIA SECONDED THE MOTION WITH THE CORRECTION IN PLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Conservation Administrator's Report:

- a. 795 James Farm Road: none
- b. Project Greensweep: The weather seemed to prevent a bigger turn out. Overall members that attended said it went well.
- c. America the Beautiful grant: none

Tree Ordinance Regulation: Members would like to invite someone from Planning Commission to a meeting, it will be placed on June's agenda.

- d. Commissioner Appointments and Term Renewals: All members were appointed.

Old Business:

a. **Conservation Corner:** J.E. Martin said she will continue to place the articles in the paper, she also mentioned not receiving a printed copy in the mail, only seen it online. Ms. Capinera mentioned she could also post the article on Facebook.

Mr. DiMenno shared a Tree Owner's Manual (U.S. Department of Agriculture) with the committee, he mentioned some areas around the town's trees are mounded too high with mulch. Ms. Rodia suggested giving copies of the manual to local contractors/businesses.

b. Possible Open Space Acquisition: none

New Business:

a. Necessitate for Mr. Koripsky to get his slide show presentation out to the general public. Members concurred it's such a positive learning enhancement for everyone.

Mr. Koripsky expressed the need for marsh volunteers. Members suggested several places he might be able to recruit students; Agricultural School, UB, and Sacred Heart. Discussion ensued.

b. Teacher's Education Workshop for teachers: Will discuss further at next month's meeting. This will be placed on June's Agenda.

c. Conservation Matrix: Members discussed and will converse further at next month's meeting, when Ms. Batoh will be present. This will be placed on June's Agenda.

d. Ms. Rodia was contacted by the Dog Park Committee; they are looking for a dog park location. They would like somewhere adjacent to the water. Some areas of interest discussed were: N. Huntington Rd. (Trumbull line), Plover Nesting, Raybesta's ball field, and landfill (Short Beach.) Ms. Rodia will look further into the suggested sites. Discussion continued.

e. Ms. Capinera said she was contacted by Dr. Mattei (Sacred Heart), about the reef ball expansion, needs the town's approbation in order to get a grant.

MR. MCCANN MADE A MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ARTIFICIAL REEF (AKA-REEF BALLS) AT THE STRATFORD POINT. IT WAS SECONDED BY MS. RODIA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DIMENNO MADE A MOTION TO ASK DR. MATTEI OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF HERS TO COME SPEAK ON THE REEF BALLS TO CONFORM CONSENT. IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCANN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Capinera will contact Dr. Motei.

f. Aerial photographs: Mr. Koripsky discussed a service at the airport, if ever the commission might need it. A pilot will show you a Birdseye view of the vicinity for a fee.

Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss. MRS. RODIA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. CAPINERA. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:31 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurell Barr

