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**ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday March 8, 2016 @ 8:25 PM.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present were Commissioner McGuire, Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Kneiss and Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall .

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary and Kim Holden - Staff.

Absent – Commissioner Cote and Commissioner Szewczak.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes of February 9, 2016 – Motion made by Commissioner Vose to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kneiss – No discussion. Approval of minutes 5/0/1 Commissioner Dynia abstained.

Open Space Inventory and Referrals: Chair LaPlante went through the delinquent tax list. The last time the Town was doing a tax sale some of the parcels that were on the delinquent list were supposed to be open space. They were never turned over to the town as open space parcels. One was Rye Meadow, Inc., supposed to be 5 acres of open space on South Meadow Lane rear. Another is Daro Development – 2.71 acres on Foxcroft Road was supposed to be turned over to the town for open space. Kim Holden will look into these parcels.

New applications – IWWA and planning and zoning Commissions:

Kim reported 65 Mullen Road has an IWWA application which will be heard on March 15, 2016. Single family home previously approved in 2008 will be same footprint. There is a conservation easement. PAC 144 and 146 South Road (Tarnow) going to be a special meeting on March 24th to consider that application, a lot of trees will be cut down, abandoned house on the property, possibly a shed behind the house.

Aquifer Protection:

Kim reported that the application for Aquifer Protection is good for 5 years, then once registered and renewed it becomes a permit and is good for 10 years.

Archaeological Protection:

a) Shaker Property – Fire Training Facility Update – Chair LaPlante did go to a meeting. They want to build a fire station addition for \$6.7 million. Fire Chief Charlie Macsata told Chair LaPlante that they are going to come to the ECC to talk about the fire training facility. There will be a vote for the addition to the fire station sometime this March. The addition will allow them to stay in the facility during major events, storms, etc., and will include sleeping quarters, a gym, etc.

6. Special Projects & Targeted Items

A) POCD Implementation Plan

1. Participate in Silvio Conte Refuge planning process – No update
2. Work w/CT DEEP to move Springborn Dam – No update.
3. Educate residents about riparian buffers – No update.
4. Revise open space donation standards – No update.
5. Blueway Trail Development - No update.
6. Identify key scenic overlooks – No update.
7. Promote public access along the Connecticut River – No update.
8. Acquire land/easements along Freshwater Brook for trail development – No update.
9. Implement Mancuso Park Master Plan – No update.

Chair LaPlante reported the kiosk down by the boat launch - she was informed that the door was swinging open on the kiosk. The town employees had taped it shut. She went down to see what happened and the plexiglass door is bent but can still be locked. All of the informational materials on that one side are gone. She got the door to close – ECC will get new brochures, etc. to put on that side. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall suggested possibly putting some articles of the types of fish making it back to Connecticut, information about the fish ladders, etc.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

Chair LaPlante reported she has a speaker's contract for the Garden Club. She will be speaking on April 27th at Little Sisters of the Poor @ 6:30 PM. She will be discussing "Farmland, open space and Aquifer protection in Enfield."

Aquarion has their Stewart's of the Environment Award coming up again. She asked the ECC if they have anyone they want to nominate. Nominations must be in by May 4, 2016. The celebration is at the Beardsley Zoo.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Szewczak was absent.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – The 25th annual Spring Splash is March 26, 2016. There is going to be a fund raiser for the Spring Splash at Powder Hollow Brewery on Monday March 21, 2016 @6:30. For \$10 tickets at the door, you get a beer and food. The Springfield College catering company will be supplying the food.

Executive Session:

Chair LaPlante asked for Executive Session for Real Estate/Open Space discussions. A motion was made by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Vose. The committee went into Executive Session at 9:20 PM. Out of Executive Session at 9:58 PM. No decisions were made and no votes were taken.

Next meeting is Tuesday - April 12, 2016

Motion was made by Commissioner Kneiss to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dynia – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose, Secretary