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**ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 2016 @ 9 PM.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Szewczak

Commissioner Kneiss was empowered by Chair LaPlante to be a voting member at this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Dynia to approve the minutes of March 8, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Kneiss. No discussion – passed unanimously – abstentions by Commissioner Cote and Commissioner McGuire (Commissioner McGuire did not attend the entire meeting.) 5/0/2

Open Space Inventory and Referrals: None at this time (will be discussed in Executive Session.)

New applications – IWWA and Planning and Zoning Commissions: No new applications for IWWA or PAZ.

Aquifer Protection: No update.

Archaeological Protection:

a) Shaker Property – Fire Training Facility Update – Chair LaPlante reported that a ditch is going to be dug on the property for training purposes, ditch rescue, etc. She asked if there should be some further studying before they start digging. She does not believe it has to go through PAZ for the digging of the ditch. Commissioner Dynia suggested a letter be sent to Dr. Brian Jones, the State Archaeologist. Chair LaPlante will send the letter/e-mail.

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.
10. Vernal Pool Presentation - The Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists has a vernal pool monitoring program. Edward Pawlak who is a soil/wetlands scientist will be doing Vernal Pool Ecology Presentation. Chair LaPlante contacted him and he will do a presentation on June 29, 2016, 7 PM in Council Chambers so it can be recorded. Other towns, all boards and commissions will be invited.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

April 20, 2016 – 6:30 all Commissioners were invited to a meeting by Roger O’Brien regarding land use. Chair LaPlante asked all to respond to the e-mail if attending or not.

Chair LaPlante got an e-mail from Mike Emmons regarding The Earth Day at the Lamagna Center. She asked if anyone would like to do a table - April 20, 2016 - 4 PM to 6 PM – no one was available

April 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM - Chair LaPlante will be doing presentation about the Conservation Commission at the Garden Club meeting at Little Sisters of the Poor Cafeteria.

Chair LaPlante – There are three members who will be up in June for reappointment – Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, and Commissioner Vose – An application must be submitted on line.

Chair LaPlante reported - The US Army Corp of Engineers – New England District – Proposed replacement and revision of the Department of the Army Connecticut General Permit.

Newsletter - The Northern Connecticut Land Trust – Scheduled hikes for 2016, dog leash policy to be implemented on the Trust Properties, protecting our historic Connecticut Tobacco Lands, etc.

Letter from Land Conservation Council – Your voice is needed again – This time to help insure that funding for land conservation program is protected and constitutional amendment to better protect public lands happens. Connecticut Land Conservation Lobby Day – Wednesday April 20, 2016 from 10 – 12 at the Legislative Office Building.

Aquarion – May 4, 2016 is the deadline to nominate for the Environmental Champion Award. The Commission decided not to nominate this year.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – No update. Commissioner Szewczak was not present. He will probably be resigning from the Commission as he is now on Planning and Zoning. Chair LaPlante is looking for a new liaison for Economic Development Commission. They meet on Wednesday mornings.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – No meeting this month. They will meet in May. Scantic Spring Splash was a success this year, 99 boats and 136 participants. Everything went smoothly. They may be turning the race over to somebody else next year but will help out. There will be expanded water testing done this year in the Scantic River. There may be a hike in June.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kneiss to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Cote. No discussion – passed unanimously. The committee went into Executive Session at 9:30. Out of Executive Session at 9:50. No decisions were made and no votes were taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dynia for a letter to be sent to the Town Council and Town Manager regarding 7 properties discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Kneiss. No further discussion – passed unanimously.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2016 –

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

Meeting adjourned @ 9:55 PM