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**ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY May 10, 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 May 10, 2016 @ 7:14 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present were, Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia (7:20) Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Kneiss and Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall .

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary.

Absent – Commissioner Cote and Commissioner McGuire.

Chair LaPlante reported that Commissioner Szewczak resigned due to the appointment to Planning and Zoning.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT** – None.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Commissioner Kneiss and seconded by Commissioner Vose. Commissioner Kneiss reported Chair LaPlante did a presentation at The Garden Club meeting and did a great job and the presentation was very well received. Commissioner Kneiss suggested that an e-mail go to the Garden Club members as maybe someone would like to serve on the EAC and ECC. Commissioner Kneiss will send that e-mail out. There are 3 vacancies – 2 alternates and 1 permanent for Commissioner Szewczak’s slot. No further discussion – passed unanimously 5/0/0.

**Open Space Inventory and Referrals:** -\_No update on the tax sale. The town was possibly taking some tax property for open space.

**New applications – IWWA and planning and zoning Commissions:** Chair LaPlante reported that possibly a gas station is going on North Maple.

**Aquifer Protection:** They approved the Town registration and re-registration.

**Archaeological Protection:**

a) Shaker Property – Fire Training Facility Update – Chair LaPlante reported that the ditch was dug. Nothing was seen when they dug the ditch. A possible second ditch may have been dug. They are doing training over there. The Fire Chief of Shaker Pines said he would contact the state archeologist. He also stated that he would like to meet with some of the people who are interested in preserving the Shaker House. Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall and Commissioner Kneiss will meet with him.

## **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 – Some of the land that is up for auction is along Freshwater Brook, but they are small pieces.
9. Implement Mancuso Park Master Plan – No update.

Chair LaPlante received a summary regarding Mr. Pawlak's vernal pool presentation so she can do a press release. The presentation will cover the following:

Defining characteristics of vernal pools, basic vernal pool ecologic concepts, challenges to vernal pool conservation, Connecticut Association of Wetlands Scientists, vernal pool monitoring, and Connecticut Ecosystems, LLC third party review services. He is a certified professional wetlands scientist and registered soil scientist and owner of Connecticut Ecosystems, LLC. He has worked as a consulting wetlands scientist in Connecticut since 1989 and is a former president of Connecticut Association of Wetlands Scientists. He has led vernal pool workshops for many municipalities, etc.

Chair LaPlante will send e-mail invitations out to the Planner for surrounding towns (Somers, Ellington, East Windsor, Suffield, Stafford, and Windsor Locks) to forward the Commissions. Chair LaPlante will send the press release to Mr. Pawlak first for his approval. Commissioner Dynia will help with the press releases.

### **Correspondence All Commissioners:**

Chair LaPlante – Reminder - the following Commissioners are up for reapplication – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Vose and Commissioner Cote.

Hazardous Waste Day – Chair LaPlante reported about 100 people came out.

Connecticut River Watershed Council participated in the Valley Gives program just recently and it allowed them to win \$8,050.00 in special prizes. They had \$5,000.00 to meet your match prize, \$2,000.00 for fourth place for the most donors to a large organization - 234 river lovers, \$550.00 for 11 first time Valley Gives donors and a \$500.00 golden ticket. They achieved a Valley Gives online of \$14,767.00 and they secured \$10,750.00 in additional matching gifts from Trustees and Friends. They attracted 44 new members to the Connecticut River Watershed Council and raised a grand total of \$33,567.00.

UCONN Research Brief on The State of Low Impact Development in Connecticut. Enfield was one of the towns they surveyed for this report.

Commissioner Dynia – This Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM to 3 PM - a water quality monitoring program – it is free – at the University of St. Joseph, Kirsten Martin and Alicea Charamut will both be speaking.

There will be a workshop and round table, etc. Commissioner Dynia and Commissioner Vose will be attending.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Chair LaPlante stated that with the resignation of Commissioner Szewczak, a new liaison needs to be appointed. A motion was made to have Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall serve as the new liaison for Economic Development by Commissioner Dynia and seconded by Commissioner Kneiss – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall accepted - no further discussion – passed unanimously.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – There was a meeting last night. They are going to start the E-coli testing soon on or about the May 25<sup>th</sup>. This should be collected on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings and it needs to get to Kirsten by Wednesday mornings. Commissioner Vose reported getting the sample from the Town Farm Road site is very dangerous and the Powder Hollow Bridge site is also not easy to get a sample. There will be a Greenway meeting in Goodwin State Forest on June 3, 2016. A clean-up for trails on June 11/12, 2016 - not a firm date yet.

Commissioner Dynia reported that the Scantic River Splash has been nominated for the George Daly Enfield Sports Hall of Fame Award. This will be coming up September 17, 2016.

Chair LaPlante reported at the Planning and Zoning meeting, Roger O'Brien mentioned something about some type of financial institute going into the old Brainard School lot. The discussion was doing some changes to the industrial area at the old Hallmark site. Chair LaPlante also showed him the proposed plans and pictures for the old water company property which he will look at and get back to her.

Chair LaPlante went to the revitalization meeting and suggested they take a look at the Glastonbury Riverfront area for ideas as to what can be done in Enfield. The ECC will put together a presentation for this.

**Executive Session:** No Executive Session.

Next meeting is Tuesday June 14, 2016 -

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

Meeting adjourned @ 8:24 PM