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**ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 13, 2016 @ 7:15 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 Wyzga .

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Cote

Chair LaPlante empowered Commissioner Kneiss as a voting member for this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Vose to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Kneiss. No discussion – passed unanimously - abstentions by Commissioner Dynia and Commissioner McGuire – 5/0/2.

Open Space Inventory and Referrals: Chair LaPlante reported that there was discussion in Development Services subcommittee about the parcels that were picked up at the tax sale.

Commissioner Vose asked about the ECC walk through the property on Shaker and Elm Street. Chair LaPlante reported that it was too woody to walk through. The ECC decided they will go back in the fall after the frost sometime in November. They did see the barn which seemed to be in good shape.

New applications – IWWA and planning and zoning Commissions: Chair LaPlante reported a few items were approved over the summer during special meetings. The Angina Drive property with the two vernal pools was approved without the suggestion for Cape Cod curbing from the ECC.

Aquifer Protection: There is a new video from DEEP on Aquifer Protection. It talks about protecting Aquifers and how they get recharged and how they get contaminated. The video can be seen on YouTube DEEP videos.

Archaeological Protection:

a) Shaker Property – Fire Training Facility Update –

Chair LaPlante went to the Shaker presentation at the library over the summer. A gentleman who is writing a book on the Enfield Shaker's said that next year is the 100 anniversary of when the Shaker's left

Enfield, CT. He suggested it be recognized in some way. Chair LaPlante asked the ECC members to think about it and come up with some ideas. Chair LaPlante just attended the Shaker Auction up in Pittsfield, MA and suggested maybe a Shaker Auction could be held here in Enfield next year. Maybe some speakers, Shaker meal, seminars, or presentations and possibly hold it on the Shaker meeting house near the prison. Chair LaPlante suggested reaching out to the Historical Society and Cultural Arts Commission to see if they have any ideas. .

9. Special Projects & Targeted Items

Commissioner Kneiss made a motion the ECC consider the Special Projects and Targeted in a tabling format - Seconded by Commissioner Dynia - Discussion – Do all items need to be tabled individually? Commissioner Kneiss revised the motion is to table items 9A through 9M for now and until they are needed – Seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dynia made a motion to un-table item i, j and l for discussion – seconded by Commissioner Kneiss – No discussion – passed unanimously.

- a) Invasive Species project update
- b) Escarpment soils project update
- c) POCD implementation Plan
- d) Work w/DEEP to remove Springborn Dam
- e) Educate residents about riparian buffers
- f) Revise open space donation standards.
- g) Blueway Trail Development
- h) Identify and construct key scenic overlooks
- i) Promote public access along the Connecticut River
- j) Acquire land/easements along Freshwater Brook for trail development
- k) Review Mancuso Park Master Plan
- l) CT River Waterfront
- m) Goals and Property projects

Commissioner Dynia discussed - i - Promote public access along the CT River – The town came up with the idea to use that money to build a bike path down to the river for river access but river access is already there at the tunnel underneath the railroad tracks. It is not going to dam area as it was supposed to. Chair LaPlante asked Roger O'Brien if someone could come to a meeting and explain what this project entails both the River Access and the bike path that they have been announcing. She has not gotten a response to her e-mail as of yet. Chair LaPlante will stay on top of this. Commissioner Dynia discussed j and l – Acquire land/easements along Freshwater Brook for trail development – CT River Waterfront – similar concerns with bike path along Freshwater Brook – and CT River Waterfront.

Commissioner Kneiss made a motion to re-table items i, j and k – seconded by Commissioner Dynia – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

The Habitat - Summer Edition.

Landmark Newsletter – Northern CT Land Trust Annual meeting is Sunday September 18, 2016

CACIWC – Saturday November 16, 2016 at the Sheraton in Rocky Hill

Source to Sea Clean-up – The annual CT Watershed River cleanup is on September 24, 2016. Meet at the boat launch at 8. Chair LaPlante put a poster at the kiosk at boat launch. They have 30+ volunteers from USA Hauling. Chair LaPlante will suggest that East Windsor and Somers do a clean-up.

Hazardous Waste Day – Looking for volunteers to give out/help with paperwork – It is October 22, 2016 from 8 to 1, looking for volunteers to show up around 7:15-7:30.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported -There is a meeting tomorrow morning, September 14, 2016.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – There was no meeting in July. There was an August meeting but they have not met in September. E-Coli testing is still going on. The last couple of tests were normal levels. There was one high level in July. The town gave a \$3000.00 grant for the water testing and possible trail maintenance. Jane Collins is stepping down from the Board as treasurer of the Watershed but will still be a member. They are looking for more Board Members. The Scantic Spring Splash has been inducted into the Enfield Athletic Hall of Fame. Commissioner Dynia and his brother will be getting the George Daly Award. The ceremony is this Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Oak Ridge Country Club @5:45. The full moon paddle was a success. They will be holding the annual meeting sometime in November or early December. They are looking for ideas for speakers.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2016 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Dynia to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.