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ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 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 Wednesday November 9, 2016 @ 7:23 PM

ROLL CALL

Chair LaPlante took the roll.

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

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Cote and Commissioner Vose

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

Public Input – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneiss to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016 seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – passed unanimously 6/0/0.

Open Space Inventory and Referrals: Chair LaPlante suggested as per the last meeting that the Connecticut Water Property, which has not sold yet, be opened up for discussion to bring to the Town Council for Open Space. Chair LaPlante brought to the meeting the plan and information that was done previously. She also brought some of the concerns that people had in the neighborhood the last time this was proposed. Some concerns were disruption of wildlife, traffic, parking, cost, liability and raising the mill rate, etc. The concern is also the basins that are raised up. Some of the positives were another park, walkable area, open space, ecologic function, birding which is a quiet activity, etc. Commissioner Kneiss suggested that the plan be done in layers – Phase 1, 2, etc. The possibility of getting a college involved to help in the design was discussed. A subcommittee was formed of Commissioner Kneiss, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Chair LaPlante and Commissioner Wyzga for further discussions/plans and to contact some colleges to see if they were like to take on such a project.

The Connecticut Recreational Programs Grant application is coming up again - December 15th. This was used to get the Senior Center Trail. Chair LaPlante thought possibly they could apply for the grant to finish the trail going around the pine forest. Chair LaPlante stated you can request 80% of the total cost of the project. Chair LaPlante will talk to Susan Lather at the Senior Center to see if she would be interested in this and if so Chair LaPlante will bring this to staff and try to get the grant application done.

New applications – IWWA and planning and zoning Commissions: There are problems with the traffic at Enfield High School – they are looking for another access to help with traffic flow. Parker

Hannifan Building now owned by Camerota Truck is looking to expand. Yankee Casting looking to rebuild.

Aquifer Protection: No update.

Archaeological Protection: No update.

9. Special Projects & Targeted Items

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

Commissioner Dynia asked to take off Springborn Dam off the table – He got an e-mail regarding the Springborn Dam removal. It is going forward. An e-mail from Steve Gephard stated they are in agreement with STR regarding access to the dam but it has to be approved by the Attorney General which has not been done yet. Steve Gephard believes the project will start this summer. It will take about 90 days.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

Chair LaPlante reported that Glastonbury overwhelmingly approved 3 million dollars for open space. Since 1988 they preserved 40 parcels, 1550 acres using 25 million dollars. It was the 9th vote they have had for open space funding since 1988 - Manchester had 4 million dollars approved for open space and historic preservation.

Habitat Magazine

Annual report from the Connecticut River Watershed Council

Chair LaPlante has more expenses for Source to Sea for garbage bags (\$41.44) so the total for all slips was \$83.38 – Commissioner Kneiss made a motion to approve a total of \$83.38 to be reimbursed for Source to Sea – seconded by Commissioner McGuire – no further discussion – passed unanimously.

Chair LaPlante will see if the ECC is up to date on annual dues for Connecticut Land Trust, Connecticut River Watershed Council and CACIWC.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall - No update – last meeting was cancelled.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Senior Center at 6 PM. Some

topics/presentations will be update on The Springborn Dam, 25 years of The Scantic River Splash, report of water testing and e-coli testing that has been done. Kirsten will be doing a report on e-coli in East Windsor next Tuesday night at Town Hall in East Windsor 7 PM. The Scantic Splash is scheduled for March but due to the drought the water level may be an issue.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported that on November 19th Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Vose and she participated in the Transit Development Meeting. It was sponsored by a State Agency DOT with a workshop type setting – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall was in a group that was given a map and they were asked to identify specific properties that could potentially be redeveloped close to the transit station – Chair LaPlante was in group that was asked what they would want to see, where, etc.

Chair LaPlante was contacted by Steve Belinda from Human Resources – They are looking for a Development Services Person and one person from each Land Use Board was asked to be at this presentation on Thursday Night November 17, 2016. Chair LaPlante will be attending.

Executive Session: No Executive Session

Next meeting is Tuesday December 13, 2016 –

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM