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ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, January 8, 2019

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, January 8, 2019 @ 7:09 PM

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner Cote and Commissioner McGuire

Absent – Commissioner Doyle and Commissioner Kneiss

Also Present – Karen Timpone – Recording Secretary

Public Participation – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Discussion - under the heading CACIWC - it should be culverts not coverts - and under same heading it should be conservation not conservative and under Liaison Report North Hampton is one word and should be Northampton - a motion to accept the minutes as revised was made by Commissioner Dynia and seconded by Commissioner Vose – 5/0/2 abstentions by Commissioner McGuire and Commissioner Cote.

New & Pending applications – IWWA and Planning & Zoning Commissions:

Chair LaPlante gave an update – At the last Planning & Zoning meeting they approved the River Gateway Thompsonville Districts. There was a public hearing .

At the last meeting just before Christmas, the Villages was turned down.

The AAA building has been approved. They are raising it up by 1 ½ feet and there will be underground storage for excess water drainage.

Planning & Zoning was supposed to send ECC a spreadsheet of what will be coming up for Planning & Zoning nothing has come through. The Planning & Zoning meetings have been changed to the second and fourth Thursday of the month which will be after the ECC and ECC will have the Planning & Zoning agenda.

On Thursday January 10th for the Nutmeg Solar Project - The citing council is coming for a hearing. Evidentiary is at 3pm. There is a site walk at 1/1:30 at the site and at 6:30 PM is the public hearing.

Community Garden Plan:

Mission Statement, Survey Results and Next Steps – The ECC was asked to work on the Mission Statement for this meeting. The ECC shared and reviewed all suggestions and decided the following will be the Mission Statement - “The purpose of the Enfield Community Garden project is to enrich the lives of people in our community by providing a nurturing space where the community comes together as individuals, families and groups to grow flowers, and nutritious fruits and vegetables using sustainable

gardening practices.” Commissioner McGuire stated that we have not heard anything from Kip Kolesinskas regarding the grant pre-application meeting on the site. Commissioner McGuire will reach out to Lance Shannon to see if this was passed on to Kip Kolesinskas. Commissioner Wyzga asked if the soil needs to be checked before we move forward and Commissioner McGuire says samples will most likely be tested as part of the restoration grant process. Commissioner Vose has concerns about the barn on the property which is getting worse. Next step on the Community Garden Plan will be a one page summary of what the CGP is trying to accomplish – the key words are who, what, where, when, how, why, how much - Community Garden, nursery project, walking trails, well, barn and picnic area. A group of three members Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Vose and Commissioner Wyzga will meet to come up with this – They will meet on Monday January 21, 2019.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

Chair LaPlante stated in the paper that East Windsor is purchasing property for open space. They are purchasing with the state the development rights for 115 acre property of River Bend Farm located on Rye Street by Plantation Road Extension. The Town paid 25% and the state paid for 75%. Commissioner Dynia reported that Big Y in Enfield is going to stop the use of plastic bags by 2020.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported there was a special meeting on December 12th. They had guest Patrick McManhon who did the TIF project for East Windsor. The Town of Enfield hired him to work on Enfield’s TIF. The TIF will now encompass the Thompsonville and the Enfield Square area. It was decided that with the mall going up for auction, it was the area to focus the TIF as they are trying to garner additional taxes due to significant changes that could happen in the mall area. The monies that come from TIF can be used for infrastructure, façade improvements, project development and redevelopment costs including transit oriented and downtown district development, capital costs, remediation costs, land assembly cost, technical and marketing assistance, revolving loans, repayment of prior debt incurred by private developer, administrative expenses including personnel, studies, reports, administration for Main Street Managers, business development and expansion assistance for TIF district property owners, TIF district establishment costs, off site related to TIF district roadways, water, sewer, public safety, school, mitigate adverse impacts, ie., new traffic, economic development, environmental economic development initiatives, work force training, environment mitigation. Monies generated from the extra taxes will go into that district’s TIF account and can be used for the above mentioned.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – The annual meeting was held in December. The next regular meeting is on January 14, 2019. They will be planning the annual Superbowl Hike, possibly a different spot this year. East Windsor had the New Years Day Hike which was well attended, the weather was warm. Scantic Splash meeting is coming up on January 15 or 16, 2019.

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 –

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

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM

