

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Trumbull Nature and Arts Center

7:00pm

**Present:** Chairman, Pam Georges; Commissioners Frank Grazynski, Kevin Malone and Ruth Mohr

**Absent:** Commissioner Bonnie Lindsay

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by the chairman.

**Past Minutes:** Motion was made by Mr. Grazynski, seconded by Mr. Malone, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014. Unanimous.

Ms. Georgas noted she met with Mr. Herbst and Ms. Arnow on Friday regarding the dissolution of the commission and transfer of duties. This topic is on the agenda for discussion/vote on at the Parks Commission meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Herbst stated he would like to have the commission dissolution and transfer of the land use done at the same time. Ms. Georgas noted the Nature Center still has a budget line item in the 2014/2015 budget which will need to be removed when this change is made.

#### **Building Construction**

Ms. Georgas noted she has spoken with Mr. White regarding a new front door for the building and the small renovation in the interior to make the bathroom handicapped accessible. She noted the programs do have wheelchair participants and it is difficult for them to use the facilities.

#### **Wrap Up of Commission Duties**

A summary of commission goals and accomplishments is completed and will be distributed to the commissioners for final review before presentation to the Town Council. Ms. Georgas noted the Council may also want to see a five-year plan for fund raising from the 501c3 when these changes are completed.

#### **Student Programs**

Ms. Georgas noted the Valentine program was a huge success which was hosted by the student committee. Heart cookies were pre-baked by the students and then decorated by the participants. The next project will be the bluebird houses on 3/23. DEP supplies the wood which will be pre-cut by the volunteers for the participants to assemble. Discussion of the garden was held. Perhaps if the soil has recovered, the teens can plant vegetables to grow for the food bank.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grazynski, seconded by Ms. Mohr to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk