

Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting  
March 29, 2012  
7:00pm

**Present:** Mary Ellen Lemay, Chairman; Jim Sullivan; Joanne Parsons; Dale Parsons; Scot Kerr; Jonas Strimaitis and Evelyn Golden from Signature Marketing

**Absent:** Don Watson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Motion made by Joanne Parsons, seconded by Scot Kerr to approve the minutes of March 1, 2012 as written. Unanimously approved.

Mary Ellen Lemay introduced Jonas Strimaitis and Evelyn Golden from Signature Marketing who spoke about the composting initiative of the town. Ms. Golden noted that the company has been in the recycling green business for 22 years and it is a local company. A demonstration of the Green Cone, a food waste digester, was presented to the commission. This digester takes all food waste, cooked and uncooked and reduces it to water and CO<sub>2</sub>. This cone is different from a composter which produces compost with no organic material. Quotes were given based on specific quantities of product. A quote will be sent to Mary Ellen with specifics for the Trumbull project. On-line ordering would be preferred.

**Old Business**

1. Report on Pequonnock River Initiative/Old Mine/CTAC -- Joanne Parsons is working on the buffer plan for Old Mine Park and has reviewed them with Dmitri Paris. A plant list was presented that corresponded to the plan layout. All plans are native which makes the area more sustainable. No update on Pequonnock River Initiative.
2. Landscape/Tree Ordinance – It was noted meetings have been held with the group and multiple edits have been made. A meeting was also held with Dmitri Paris who is very supportive of the ordinance. The ordinance may be on the agenda for the Inland Wetlands meeting in May.
3. IWWC – Meeting on Tuesday; no update.
4. Single Stream Recycling/Composting Project – Mary Ellen Lemay noted that she and Scot Kerr accompanied the Hillcrest Middle School to the recycling center in Shelton. She also noted they attended workshops on renewable energy and the project currently underway in Bridgeport, composting and organic waste. Scott has also been discussing with John Annick the possibility of publicizing various topics from the Commission on Channel 17.
5. GIS Update – no report.

**New Business:**

1. Natural Resource Inventory/Open Space GIS Map – No update.
2. Courtyard Habitat, Middle Schools – Mary Ellen noted the project at Hillcrest is moving along. The United Way would like to be involved in this project as well as several other organizations. There is more interest than expected.
3. Status of Commissioner Seats and Subcommittees – Mary Ellen noted that Todd would be leaving the Commission due to work constraints but is willing to help in any way he can.

4. Status of Open Staff Positions – Mary Ellen noted they have hired a Planning and Development Director. This will be the over sight position for Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals as well as other development areas.
5. Sewer Cross Country Remediation Plans – Mary Ellen spoke with John Marsilio regarding the fact that the plans do not show any details. He stated the detailed plans are being worked on.
6. Rails to Trails Trumbull Center – Scot Kerr and Mary Ellen attended the meeting regarding this initiative. This project is divided into several sections with the Quarry Road area to be started next spring.
7. Jim Sullivan has been working on a project on recycling which will be important when the coordinator is hired. This is being reviewed by the Commission members. It was suggested that Patricia Zablocky be contacted to get input regarding the website.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk