

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Tashua Room
7:00pm

Present: Kate Bruzinski, Scot Kerr, Jim Sullivan. Also J.T. Georgas and Timothy Coughlin

Absent: Don Watson, Mary Ellen Lemay, Dale Parsons and Joanne Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by the Acting Chairman, Scot Kerr. A quorum of the Commission was not present.

Past Minutes: Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2013 was tabled as there was no quorum.

Correspondence

Mr. Kerr read a response to the Conservation Commission letter regarding the use of ATVs on state land from Mr. Dave Rutigliano.

Calendar Updates

The CTAC (Conservation Technical Advisory Committee) was attended by Mr. Watson and Mrs. Lemay. No report. Mr. Watson and Frank Smeriglio, the town engineer, are the official representatives on the committee from the town. This committee is looking at water quality in the six towns represented.

Discussion was held regarding the tick study being conducted. Residents of Trumbull have received information regarding participation and response has been overwhelming.

Mr. Kerr noted there is a meeting of the Planning and Zoning workshop on March 26, 2013 to discuss the POCD. Key commissions in town were invited to review and discuss the draft document (P&Z, Inland Wetlands, Historical Society, Conservation Commission). Mr. Kerr reviewed the statement prepared by the Conservation Commission for inclusion in this document. Points included the adoption of the Pequonnock River Watershed Management Plan,

Landscape Preservation and Protection Plan (this is currently being reviewed by Elaine Wang) and the Open Space Management Plan and NRI. Commission members were in agreement that this document should move forward and be presented at the meeting next week as written by Mr. Watson. Mr. Kerr noted the points may be expanded to include a reference to flood planning.

Reports

1. IWWC Activities: it was noted the Silver Nichols project was already approved. It was noted that the Conservation Commission needs to receive these documents in a more timely fashion so that they can comment on the applications, if applicable, prior to the meetings. The Conservations Commission is a consultant group to IWWC and should be reviewing the applications at the same time as the IWWC.
2. Landscape Preservation Ordinance Status: No progress; being reviewed by Elaine Wang.
3. March 26, 2013 P&Z meeting: covered under Calendar Events.
4. Natural Resource Inventory: Steve Early developed a map from the Vision data and GIS system to code open space areas in Trumbull and label them according to their usage. 225 parcels were identified. This data will need to be reviewed and updated in the systems. It was noted that the Conservation Commission should be more active in taking responsibility for these areas in conjunction with other departments of the town. At this time, the information needs to be organized so that it can be accessed easily and then the Commission should look at how this information should be incorporated in the Commission's goals. Mr. Kerr noted 1300 acres of active park land, 148 acres of passive park land and 517 acres of open space have been identified. The next step will be to meet with the Tax Assessor to review the data. Discussion of the valley with regards to maintenance was held. The information discussed will be sent to the Commission for review and comment.
5. Courtyard Habitat and Tree Planting: Mrs. Lemay is discussing this with the United Way.
6. Materials Management & Recycling/Curbside Containers: Mr. Kerr reported on the loss of the Recycling Coordinator as of June 30 of this year. The position was not funded in the upcoming budget and the duties will be taken over by other personnel. Robin Bennett has been working with the haulers to provide larger recycling bins and one of the haulers is attempting to do a pilot program but it is unknown how this will work. Unfortunately, the conversion to larger bins is expensive. Mr. Kerr noted there will be a sale of the decomposers on April 6, 2013 at the Nature Center. There is also a shredding event on April 20, 2013 sponsored by the Trumbull Women's Club.
7. Community Service Project: Mr. Sullivan noted the project is waiting for an insurance certificate before they can proceed. Money is available in the Conservation Commission budget for supplies. Information for marking the storm drains should be available from the town and the state storm water permit.
8. Endangered Species Initiatives: No report.
9. Remediation Signage in Twin Brooks: Ms. Bruzinski reported that the plan for the sign has been developed and might be placed in the park next month.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall

Clerk