

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
7:00pm
Nichols Room

Present: Don Watson, James Sullivan, Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons

Absent: Mary Ellen Lemay and Scott Kerr

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Parsons in the absence of Chairman Lemay

Past Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous.

Calendar Updates

Mrs. Parsons noted NOFA's annual meeting will be held in Danbury at Western Connecticut State University on March 1, 2014.

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Mr. Watson had no update. Mr. Sullivan commented that the commission should be reviewing projects for the 2014 deadline. Mr. Smeriglio is the engineer on any projects and would be the person to do the grant paperwork. It was noted there needs to be matching funding from the town which would need support. Mrs. Parsons spoke with Mr. Marsilio and it was suggested they meet with Mr. Paris to review some of the projects they currently have that could be addressed.

Landscape Preservation Ordinance

Discussion of document will be continued with Elaine Wang now that she has returned from leave.

Land Trust Ordinance

No report. It was noted that this is being reviewed by the attorneys.

IWWC Activities

Mr. Parsons reviewed the one document presented which was a resubmission. He did not see any issues with the plan and a letter will be drafted to the IWWC to be read at their meeting

regarding this. He also reviewed plans for The Bridges which he felt were very well done and outlined every aspect of the project.

Natural Resource Inventory

It was noted this inventory is mentioned in the POCD and that completion of the project could be within 2014.

GBRC Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Watson noted this plan has been submitted and the GBRC has released the document to the town's First Selectmen. This plan could qualify the town for funding for flood remediation.

Rooster River Watershed Based Plan

Mr. Watson noted this plan has been submitted and is waiting for DEEP approval.

Candidates for Appointment of Commission

No report.

Green Pages Update

Discussion was held regarding the information being provided. There will be two separate pages; one on trees and the other on green infrastructure. In total four pages will be submitted to Mrs. Bratt by the end of January. Mr. Watson and Mrs. Parsons will collaborate on these pages.

Meadow Remediation Walk-through

Mrs. Parsons met with Mr. Marsilio before the last meeting to discuss the Old Mine Park project. She feels the project should be given the attention it deserves noting the project has won several awards and has been mentioned in various publications which should be publicly recognized.

1. CT Association of Landscape Architects Award for 2014 for design merit. This award is juried by a group of peers and our score was 86% based on merit of the project. It is important to recognize the project for this award.
2. This project is mentioned in the POCD.
3. Landscape Architect Magazine mentions it in an article with a photo.
4. It received the 2013 Public Service Recognition by CTASLA.

It was felt that the project should be a part of the Conservation Commission website with photographs. The project was a featured article in both area newspapers and should be featured once again now that it has received multiple awards. All participants/supporters of the project will be receiving individual awards from the CT Association of Landscape Architects. It was decided by the commission members to write a news release for immediate publication.

Annual Review of Conservation Commission

It was agreed that a meeting will be set up with Mrs. Wang and First Selectman Herbst to review the Conservation Commission projects.

Grant Submission

Discussion was held regarding the submission of grants for various projects. Mr. Watson noted we did not qualify for some of the available grant money although pairing with Bridgeport may

be an option in the future. He noted other grants will be coming up that the town could qualify for, specifically funding for water quality initiatives.

Low Impact Development

Mr. Sullivan noted the commission should be looking into low impact development and its place in the town regulations. He and Mr. Watson will review this.

Conservation Commission Award

Mr. Sullivan proposed a Conservation Commission Award to a property owner - The LID Project of the Year. This was approved by the commissioners and Mr. Sullivan will compose a description for qualifying and speak with some of the town departments regarding the projects that might qualify.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk