



Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014  
7:00pm  
Nichols Room, Town Hall

**Present:** Chairman, Mary Ellen Lemay; Commissioners Tim Coughlin, Joanne Parsons, Lars Jorgensen, Jim Sullivan and Don Watson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lemay at 7:05 pm.

**Past Minutes:** It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of October 1, 2014 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### Calendar Updates

The following events were noted:

1. November 12 – IWWC Meeting
2. November 12 – CACIWC Meeting – Mrs. Lemay and Mrs. Parsons will attend.
3. November 13 – Greater Bridgeport Regional Council is hosting a meeting regarding best practice for municipal tree maintenance. Topics were reviewed. Mr. Watson questioned whether the tree ordinances in other areas have been influenced by utility companies. It was noted some utilities are user friendly and some are not. We need to be diligent and manage the situation. Trumbull does have the manpower to handle this. Mrs. Lemay sent this meeting notification to Planning, Dmitri Paris and the town engineer. Mr. Watson suggested that Mr. Paris be invited to attend our next meeting to discuss this. He also noted that tree replanting is important with regard to tree maintenance. It was noted that Mr. Paris is in favor of a tree management plan. Tree City requirements were discussed. It was felt the town needs a Tree Ordinance to meet the requirements. This may also require a town official and Town Council approval.
4. Project at the Mark Twain House regarding sustainability. Mrs. Lemay and Mrs. Parsons will attend.
5. Pequonnock River Trail is cut along Quarry Road. Plan calls for the planting of over 100 trees. The bridge over the river is being done by Bridgeport which connects the trails.

### Briefings

1. DEEP #319 Grants – no report. Money is available until 2016. It was noted the Rooster River Watershed Plan has been approved by the state and will be managed by the City of Bridgeport. Bridgeport is working on #319 grants independent from the PRI. Trumbull can qualify for #319 money and would need to start in the summer as the application deadline is in September. This is a Dmitri Paris project and he would be putting the plans in motion.

### **New Business**

1. Unity Park Field Management – Lengthy discussion was held regarding the management of the fields. It was requested that Mr. Paris speak to the Commission as to his management plan for the fields so the Commission has information to make a recommendation.
2. Leaf Management Guide written by former commissioner Kate Bruzinski should be reposted.

### **Old Business**

1. IWWC Applications – Mrs. Parsons reviewed the following applications:
  - a. Daniels Farm Road River Edge Project – Letter was read from Mr. David Bjorklund regarding the application. After review, it was agreed by the Commission that none of the recommendations made by the Conservation Commission be letter at the last IWWC meeting were addressed in the changes. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the IWWC regulations regarding wetlands and buffers. It was agreed to resubmit the letter to the IWWC reiterating the past recommendations which need to be addressed prior to approval.
  - b. Expansion of Cemetery on Shelton Road – After review, the Commission felt the application was incomplete and should not be reviewed by IWWC at this time.
  - c. Kennedy Center garage/storage building – no actual plan was submitted; nothing to review.
  - d. Application for house on Sycamore Street – After review, the Commission found the entire property to be located within the 100 foot setback required from the wetlands. As this is an environmentally sensitive area the Commission recommends not to approve the application.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Parsons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk

These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the next meeting of the Conservation Commission.