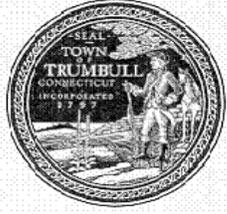


**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
CONNECTICUT**



Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday 25, 2015  
7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay; Commissioners Tim Coughlin, Jim Sullivan, Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons

**Absent:** Commissioners Lars Jorgensen and Don Watson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Lemay.

**Past Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Parson to approve the minutes of January 25, 2015 as written. Approved unanimously.

**Calendar Updates**

1. Tri-Board meeting was cancelled.
2. CTAC meeting – Mrs. Parson reported the 319 round of funding deadline is April 2015. She noted she attended to review the plans for the bikeway through Trumbull but they were not presented. Mrs. Lemay had a current copy which was reviewed by the Commissioners. It was noted the trail does include native plants that were suggested by the Commission. The Parks Department did the plantings. Mrs. Lemay noted the project has been moving forward but neither CTAC nor the Commission has been advised of the progress. Question was raised as to who will be responsible for the project when completed. This is unknown at this time. The Commission would like to see the concept plan so that they can see what is being planned before moving forward. Mr. Smeriglio will walk the trail with the Commission members when the weather is better and the snow is gone.
3. Trumbull is on the front page of Soil and Water this edition.
4. Land Use Academy at UConn – has useful facts about land use commissions. Information also includes powers and duties of the commission. An index of open areas was discussed and it was noted this is something that should be done. Greenwich's Open Space Plan was reviewed. This was done by town employees and was very comprehensive. Mrs. Lemay recommended to the Commissioners that a supplemental appropriation be requested to pay for an outside firm to do an open space plan for the Commission. This plan was started by Scot Kerr. Long term plans need to be addressed. The current inventory and map would be a start to a plan. Mr. Sullivan noted there is a Land Acquisition Committee listed for the town but it has been inactive. The Commission would like the support of Mr. Marsilio and obtain supporting documentation from comparable towns before making a presentation to the Board of Finance. If approved, the Commission would go out for bid. Mr. Sullivan questioned if the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council would do this project for the Commission or have funding to cover the expense. Mrs. Lemay will contact the administrator for information. It was noted this project will impact other

departments in a positive way. Motion was made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Coughlin, to move the agenda item Open Space to New Business. Approved unanimously.

### **IWWC Activities**

Mrs. Parsons noted the Daniels Farm Road project has not moved forward. Mrs. Lemay suggested to Jamie Bratt that, since this project sets a precedent, it should be part of the zoning regulations for open space subdivisions. It was also suggested that monuments marking the borders should be placed to mark the border and keep the line true. The next meeting of the IWWC is set for April 7 with two public hearings. Application 14.28 was discussed. The Conservation Commission's position is that the application should not be approved.

Mr. Mauer requested the Commission review the plans for the McGrath Meadow project and provide recommendations related to his concerns. After discussion, it was agreed to address portions of the plan with regard to planting buffers, the split rail fence, and other concerns to the IWWC for their review.

### **Status of Term Renewals**

Mr. Coughlin has not been sworn in yet; Mr. Sullivan was sworn in by the Town Clerk's office; Mr. Jorgenson status is unknown.

### **Pequonnock Water Testing Plan**

No update.

### **Reports/Updates**

Mrs. Lemay noted the GBRC Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Regional POCD will be removed from regular reports.

Photo contest was complete. The pictures have been posted on line and the Commission has received great publicity through this event. Another photo event will be scheduled in the future due to the enthusiastic response and great pictures submitted.

### **New Business**

1. Mr. Coughlin would like to plant two additional trees at Tashua School and one at Jane Ryan. The Father's Clubs will be contacted for funding.
2. Mr. Coughlin noted he has contacted the Tree Warden, Warren Jacques, regarding the tree trimming along Madison Avenue. He is questioning the overall plan and how it is being managed. Jamie Bratt has been in meetings with Mr. Jacques which resulted in a suggestion that a town landscape guideline be drafted. This would include listings of native plantings and invasive plants such as bamboo.
3. Mrs. Bratt noted that she has secured the funding for the tree and LID flyers.
4. Mrs. Lemay presented a vulnerable local watershed overlay zone project. She has spoken with Mrs. Bratt regarding this. It is felt that this is something that could be done by using GIS. Areas could be defined that are highly sensitive such as slopes and soil. LID technology should be employed in these areas. This should be included in any plans that are presented before the town. Discussion should continue on this topic with all the developments coming up for approval. Mr. Parsons noted this may already be in place. Mr. Sullivan noted the LID information could be included in the application which would be helpful to everyone. It was noted this may be covered in the new storm water regulations.

5. It was suggested that the best green town project be moved forward. Mrs. Lemay will speak with Mr. Mauer on this project.
6. Mr. Sullivan will revisit the Pequonnock River near the bus depot to see if the site has been maintained. He had noted at an earlier meeting that this was an area of concern for pollution.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Lemay, seconded by Mrs. Parsons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk

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