



**Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 26– 7:00 pm
Tashua Room
Town Hall 5866 Main Street
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611**

Present: Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay; Commissioners Jim Sullivan, Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons, Lars Jorgensen, Don Watson, Tim Coughlin (entered at 7:30pm)

Also Present: Richard Post and TJ Coughlin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lemay.

Past Minutes: Approval of the minutes of June 17, 2015 was deferred until the next meeting.

Administrative/Calendar Updates

Mrs. Lemay noted the owner of Wakeman's Nursery (White Birch Nursery) reached out to the Conservation Commission regarding the pond on his property. He has done multiple levels of water testing over the years and the phosphorus levels are very high at this time. He is concerned this could be a result of the blasting that was done when the housing development above him was done. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of contaminants coming from various locations. Mrs. Lemay contacted the Conservation District and Roman is going to do a site visit and water testing on September 9, 2015 at 10:00 am. They need to look at whether it is ground water contamination or run-off from above. There is also concern because it is located near the Pequonnock River and Rails to Trails. Discussion of possible reasons for contamination was held, including heat and no rain, and remedies that could be helpful, including aerators and biopacks that improve the culture of the water. The Conservation District will give recommendations after their analysis.

Mrs. Lemay introduced Richard Post, a Trumbull resident, who was formerly a member of the Conservation Commission in Southington. Mr. Post briefly discussed his background and noted that he is interested in helping the commission. Mrs. Lemay stated there is a potential for two alternates on the Commission that would need to be approved by the Town Council. It was also suggested that a student position be requested as we have students at the high school that are interested in the work being done by the Commission.

Reports/Project Updates

Mrs. Lemay noted that Mr. Coughlin and his son have started a tree inventory and are considering the use of iTree which allows data to be entered to determine the value of an individual tree. This inventory

should be done in advance of the UI tree work. She noted that Yale Forestry is currently doing an inventory of the trees in New Haven.

Commissioner Coughlin and son arrived at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Coughlin continued the discussion noting that he and his son, TJ, have inventoried an area around Tashua School and a couple of other areas in the Tashua section of town. He stated they collected data on species, condition and made notes about removal/trim, dead wood, cracks, DBH. He noted Trumbull has been working on a tree management plan and that Fairfield has officially adopted a plan that he is looking to review. Mr. Coughlin spoke with Mr. Paris about iTree that was written by the US Forestry Service and is a user friendly service. Mr. Paris said it was a good program. At this time a decision would need to be made as to where the data will be stored.

Discussion was held regarding the utilization of the town's GIS system and how to integrate the information gathered into the system. The tree inventory is a large part of the tree management plan and with it in the GIS system would be a very beneficial tool in determining the value of trees. The Town needs to be on board with this system and the management plan.

The inventory could be conducted by students from the high school who have shown an interest. Mrs. Lemay will speak with Mr. Paris, Mr. Smerglino and Mr. Early regarding this project and then contact Mrs. Gibson at the high school and formulate a plan. She will also speak with Mr. Marsilio, Mrs. Bratt and Mr. Paris about the status of the tree management plan.

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No information has been received.

IWWC Applications

Mr. Parsons reviewed the applications and no action needs to be taken.

CACIWC Meeting

The annual CACIWC meeting will be held on November 14, 2015.

Land Trust Update

Paperwork has not been completed; signatures still need to be obtained. It also needs to have the Conservation Commission listed as the manager of the properties.

Next Meeting: September 30, 2015.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm by Mrs. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Crandall
Clerk