



**Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
7:00 pm
Nichols Room**

Present: Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay; Commissioners Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons, Don Watson and Tim Coughlin

Absent: Commissioners Jim Sullivan and Lars Jorgensen

Also Present: Richard Post

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Chairman Lemay.

Past Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve the minutes of September 30 2015 as written. Approved unanimously.

Calendar Updates

1. Reef Ball Tour in Stratford to be held on December 3.
2. Webinar on Roadside Trees – date was unknown.

Briefings

1. 319 Grant for Long Hill Update – Mrs. Lemay reviewed with project. She noted about a year ago there was an opportunity for a 319 grant for a storm water management plan. Long Hill Green was made into a demonstration project for low impact management. \$120,000 was requested. The design was set to capture part of the storm water runoff around the Broadway area of the green. The town was awarded \$60,000. The town will be funding \$40,000, mostly in labor costs. Mrs. Parsons worked on this plan. Mr. Watson felt the Commission should be going after this grant each year.
2. A meeting was held last Monday to discuss the Old Mine Park project. This project is in the hands of Dmitri Paris to complete a schedule and when completed, will be submitted to DEEP by Mr. Smeriglio to obtain the funding. Mr. Watson noted the Old Mine Park project should be a nice buffer extending downstream. We were also given more time for the project because of unforeseen circumstances on the part of DEEP.
3. The Long Hill Green project is more ambitious. There has been other development in the area going on. It was recommended there be a master plan. Mrs. Parsons worked on this project which includes in part permeable surfaces, infiltrating tree planters, filter strips and LID lighting. This project is designed to manage storm water runoff. The town will need to hire professional

services to do the work. It is hoped this project would be considered a gateway to the trail on Whitney Avenue with sidewalks leading from the green to the entrance, information on the Pequonnock Valley and a place where people could gather while enjoying the outside. The town will maintain the project once it is finished. Interpretative signs could be on the site with information and a suggestion was made to use the bar code system so people could use their phones for information. Jamie Bratt will put out RFPs for service professionals to complete the work. The Commission could continue to be an advisor to the project.

Mr. Watson left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

IWWC Applications

No action on applications required.

Update on Wakeman's Pond

Mrs. Lemay reviewed the report from the Conservation District on the Wakeman's Pond. A comprehensive report was given to the owner of the property that included several booklets which could be used to educate the neighbors above the property about the use of chemicals on their individual properties. The owner of the nursery will now work with the Conservation District on the project. It would be up to the town to send letters and information to the residents.

Mrs. Bratt entered the meeting at 8:15pm.

Tree Management Plan

Mrs. Lemay noted Stuart McCarthy has reviewed the plan and has some ideas. It was decided that the plan would go before the Parks and Recreation Commission and will be on their agenda in January. The plan will be presented by members of the Conservation Commission. Mr. McCarthy is supportive of this plan. The Commission will continue to work on the tree inventory as part of this project next year. Mrs. Bratt questioned what type of manpower would be needed to conduct the tree inventory. It was noted that this could be done by volunteers. A platform needs to be designed by the IT Department to integrate the material collected into the system. This inventory can be a random sampling of information and the UI tree plan should be used as a basis for information. This information will be helpful in obtaining the Tree City designation.

Open Space Grant

Mrs. Bratt noted there is no further information.

Commissioner Terms

Mrs. Lemay noted that any commissioner whose term expires should send in a request to the First Selectman to be reappointed. Terms expiring are Mary Ellen Lemay, Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons and Don Watson.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mrs. Parsons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk

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