

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 25, 2010
NICHOLS ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by John Russell. Also in attendance were Mary Ellen Lemay, Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons, and Julie Jenkins.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

There was discussion about the proposed Fairchild-Wheeler magnet school. The application has been continued by the Inland Wetlands to the next meeting. We do not see any major problems with this project, but hope that the remaining open space remains that way. A suggestion was made by Dale that there be a site monitor paid by the builder who would report back to Inland Wetlands on a weekly or biweekly basis during the construction to make sure the conditions of the permit are being met. This suggestion was unanimously approved by the commission. The contract should also ensure that trees which are to be protected on the site are protected before, during, and after the construction. The tree protection devices should be installed at drip lines and not 5' from trunks. We will submit a letter to the Inland Wetlands Commission with our recommendations.

Dale mentioned that we as a Commission should look into items being unloaded at the Transfer Station.

It was reported by Mary Ellen and John that bills are going through the state to change the regulations on power plants which would give the CT Siting Council more oversight regarding safety and community impact when making decisions on proposed applications like the Nichols' power plant as well as cell tower placements.

The GIS fly over is scheduled for next Monday-Friday. Three of the elementary schools have expressed interest in doing something to "mark" their schools for the photos to be taken.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for April 29, 2010.

There is a walk of the Valley scheduled for June 5 at 9:00. This is part of a state wide initiative for trails.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Jenkins