

TRUMBULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2009
NICHOLS ROOM AT TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by John Russell at 7:30PM. Other members in attendance were Mary Ellen Lemay, Don Watson, Joanne Parsons, Dale Parsons, and Julie Jenkins. Pam Georges from the Trumbull Arts and Nature Center was also in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Pam spoke about the improvements to the Nature Center and what they would be doing with the grant monies they had received (\$10,000 from United Illuminating). Don gave some suggestions on solar panels that may be installed at the Nature Center. Tim Dolan is collecting signatures for people to sign up for clean energy from UI. If he gets enough signatures UI will donate solar collectors. Don also mentioned installing solar tubes for lighting. Joanne volunteered to help collect bids and go through them for the solar collectors. Don mentioned positioning the solar panels on the roof of a pavilion that the Nature Center would like to build. Pam Georges left at 8:10.

Mary Ellen said the town finance committee along with the Board of Finance voted to support purchasing the GIS program. The flyover is scheduled for the spring when the leaves are off the trees.

There has been little movement on The Great Oaks Park development. John talked about protecting the old oaks by cutting some trees around them.

Mary Ellen said that a landscape ordinance would have to be generated by the town council. We will revisit this for a later meeting.

John said that we are now members of CACIWC. As members we are encouraged to come to a daylong seminar they are hosting November 14. John will be going.

Mary Ellen said we should be joining Southwest Conservation District. The money for this should be coming out of the Conservation Commission and John will include the money for this in our next budget.

Mary Ellen spoke to a new charter school which is being proposed at the far north end of Beardsley Park on Trumbull land. We will keep abreast of its development and its impact on open space.

John reviewed the Inland Wetland applications. The Kachele property seems to have some concerns for inland wetlands, we will watch the development through the process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.
Respectfully submitted by Julie Jenkins