

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM  
WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2017  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

**ATTENDANCE**

X	Walter Bragoni, Vice Chairman
A	Ian Gibson
X	Mardi Hanson-d'Alessandro
X	Gail Reynolds, Chairman
A	Tom Worthley
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Reynolds, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Attendance was taken.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Mardi Hanson moved to approve the 30 August 2017 agenda as submitted. Walter Bragoni second. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Walter Bragoni moved to approve the 28 June 2017 minutes as submitted. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Open Space**

**Easement Mapping Project** – Mrs. Reynolds reported she had spoken to Liz Glidden, Town Planner, in regard to moving forward on this project (\$10,000 in budget); however, Mrs. Glidden has been very busy with the Plan of Conservation and Development draft. Mrs. Reynolds will speak to her again after things calm down.

**b. Budget**

Mrs. Reynolds reported the Commission has \$1,000 to use over the course of the year; and that she would like to attend the Native Plant Conference, UConn, Storrs, in October and would be asking for reimbursement of conference fees. The Commission will vote on this in September.

### **c. Plan of Conservation of Development (POCD) – Update**

**1. 11 July 2017 Meeting** – Mrs. Reynolds reported this was the last meeting the Committee had with Horsley Witten.

**2. 23 August 2017 Meeting** – Mrs. Reynolds reported the Committee met briefly and the final document will be advertised widely. Mrs. Reynolds also reported Mark Stephens, Chairman, Wetlands Commission, and Anthony Matterazzo, Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals, were in attendance. Mrs. Reynolds reported the Committee reviewed the Governance portion of the document, specifically in regard to the POCD Implementation Committee (PIC). Mrs. Reynolds stated the PIC will follow up with all commissions in regard to their Action Items and that a definition for PIC has not yet been approved by the Committee. Mrs. Reynolds encouraged Commissioners to review the document and to attend the Board of Selectmen's public hearing, Wednesday, 20 September 2017, Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam, 7 p.m.

### **7. New Business**

#### **a. Communications/Publications/Correspondence**

**Haddam Fall River Day and Fireworks** - Saturday, 9 September 2017, Haddam Meadows State Park, 5:00 p.m. Fireworks at 7:45 p.m. Flier distributed to all Commissioners.

**Essex Steam Train and Lady Katherine Cruise Line** - Ms. Hanson reported while she was at the Blue Oar, she saw the Dinner Train and how quiet the train was as it passed by. Ms. Hanson noted she could understand people's concerns, but she was impressed with the train company's respect for its neighbors. Mr. Bragoni noted the Steam Train Company has purchased the Lady Katherine Cruise Line.

### **8. Land Use Dept. Report**

Mrs. Batzner gave a brief report – **P&Z, Wetlands, and ZBA** have been quiet all summer. **Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** – Greg McKenna, Higganum Pharmacy, would like to put in an addition to the south of the existing building. ARC did not give a positive recommendation. Mr. McKenna to come before P&Z, Thursday, 7 September 2017. **EDC** – Haddam River Day (flier previously distributed); Family Fun Night, Friday, 8 September 2017, 6:30-9:00 p.m., sponsored by Park and Recreation, a portion of Candlewood Hill Road will be closed for this event; and Crafters on the Green, Saturday, 10 September, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Higganum Green. Haunted House/Graveyard – Chuck Cook will be holding this event in conjunction with EDC. The event is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 27-29 October 2017, at the Community Center, 6:00 p.m. until closing. Trunk or Treat – Saturday, 28 October 2017, Community Center, unclear at this time what time it will start.

Mrs. Batzner reported a recent change in work assignments: Maureen Tary, Administrative Coordinator, will be emailing/posting on the town's website all minutes and agendas to all commissions. Mrs. Batzner will continue to generate the minutes as well as the agendas for the Conservation Commission and EDC.

### **9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mardi Hanson moved to adjourn. Walter Bragoni second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bunny Hall Batzner*  
Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 September 2017.**