

**TOWN OF HADDAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM
WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2016
APPROVED MINUTES
*Approved as Amended at the 28 September 2016 Meeting***

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 7:07 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mardi Hanson moved to approve the 31 August 2016 agenda as submitted. Walter Bragoni second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Walter Bragoni moved to approve the 29 June 2016 minutes as submitted. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Old Business

a. Open Space

Mrs. Reynolds reported she hasn't done anything new with the easement mapping; however, she did receive an email from Liz Glidden, Town Planner, who hopes it can be incorporated into the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

Beaver Ledges – Mrs. Reynolds reported the Haddam Land Trust has received donations for the purchase of the property.

b. Budget

Mrs. Reynolds asked if the Commission's membership to the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC) has been renewed. Mrs. Batzner stated she did not know, but that she believed so as she had received *The Habitat* (to be mailed).

c. Plan of Conservation of Development (POCD)

Mrs. Reynolds reported that Horsley Witten, consultant for the POCD, made a presentation and asked questions at the 21 July 2016 Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) meeting. Mrs. Reynolds also reported there is a draft that has been put out, but did not have a copy. Mrs. Reynolds stated the consultant appears to be fine. The next meeting of the POCD Committee will be held on Thursday, 8 September 2016, 7:00 p.m., Annex Building, 11 Jail Hill Road, Haddam.

7. New Business

a. Connecticut Audubon

Mrs. Reynolds reported the Connecticut Audubon is spearheading the effort to pass at the state level a real estate conveyance tax (to the person purchasing) to only be used to purchase open space. Once passed at the state level, then each town would have to pass whether or not they would accept the tax. Mrs. Reynolds reported the CT Audubon is requesting a volunteer from Haddam to keep the idea active by talking to Rep. Miller, Sen. Linares, and First Selectman Milardo. Mr. Bragoni volunteered.

b. Communications/Publications/Correspondence

The Habitat will be mailed.

Plaque Honoring Phil Goff – Mrs. Reynolds reported she had received a letter from Bruno Morasutti pertaining to Phil Goff's retirement and soliciting donations for the purchase/installation of a plaque in Mr. Goff's honor. Mrs. Reynolds asked the Commission if they would like to make a donation from the Commission. Ms. Hanson suggested a \$25 donation. The Commission was agreeable.

MOTION: Gail Reynolds moved that the Conservation Commission send \$25 to Bruno Morasutti towards the plaque to honor Phil Goff. Mardi Hanson second. Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION: Walter Bragoni moved to donate \$25 for the plaque for Phil Goff. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Land Use Dept. Report

Mrs. Batzner reported on the following: **Wetlands and ZBA** – Meetings canceled. **P&Z** – Meeting Thursday, 1 September 2016. Mrs. Reynolds asked about the detached accessory apartment application. Mrs. Batzner reported the application was denied. **EDC** – Cindy McNeil-Sola is the new chairman. Fall Event scheduled for 1-2 October 2016 and a Halloween Event 29 October 2016. **Charter Revision** – Have met throughout the summer.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bunny Hall Batzner

Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 September 2016.