

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM  
WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2017  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

**ATTENDANCE**

X	Walter Bragoni, Vice Chairman
X	Ian Gibson
X	Mardi Hanson-d'Alessandro
X	Gail Reynolds, Chairman
X	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**

Approved.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Tom Worthley moved to approve the 28 September 2016 minutes as submitted. Ian Gibson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Open Space**

**Beaver Ledges** – Mrs. Reynolds reported the Haddam Land Trust could use \$50,000; however, they do have enough funds to close on the property (probably towards the end of February). Mrs. Reynolds also reported there has been a good response to the last fund raising campaign. Mr. Worthley reported fund raising efforts will continue for various items such as creating a parking area for trails and signage.

**b. Budget**

Mrs. Reynolds reported she will be seeking reimbursement for the following: Invasive Plant Symposium (\$40) and a \$25 donation on behalf of the Commission for the plaque honoring Phil Goff. The Commission was agreeable with this. Mrs. Reynolds asked the Commission for ideas on how to spend the balance of the funds. Items discussed: 1) Supporting attendance at the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) event (Saturday, 18 March, Wesleyan University, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Mrs. Reynolds stated yes. 2) Water Sampling. Mr. Gibson to ponder whether he can conduct the sampling. Mr. Gibson

stated the three streams in the Center would be the best place for testing to take place, but doesn't believe people would approve (fear of what may be found leaking from residences). 3) Sponsor a Haddam-Killingworth (H-K) bio blitz. 4) Beaver Ledges. Mr. Gibson proposed water sampling on the site. Mr. Worthley stated identify some task associated with the property, but is to the benefit of the greater community. A brief discussion followed in regard to vernal pond surveys and phragmites control effort.

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

Mrs. Reynolds provided an update concerning the 24 January 2017 meeting. Horsley Witten staff provided three outline options for POCD Committee members to review (Option 2 selected) and tasked members to bring back to the commissions the Action Steps from the 2007 POCD for review and comment (Action Steps to be emailed). Ms. Hanson asked Mrs. Reynolds if she wanted individuals to prepare for a group response or individual responses. Mrs. Reynolds stated individual responses (electronic). Mrs. Reynolds complimented Liz Glidden, Town Planner, on running an efficient meeting and the Horsley Witten Group.

Mrs. Reynolds reported on the recent applications for industrial zone changes and believes this is spot zoning. Mrs. Batzner reported Planning and Zoning (P&Z) has approved two abutting parcels for zone change (Industrial Park) on Route 81 and denied one zone change (Industrial-1) on Beaver Meadow. Mrs. Reynolds stated an industrial area needs to be located; however, it's not the planner's responsibility it's P&Z's responsibility. Discussion followed.

#### **d. Connecticut Audubon Open Space Funding Plan for 2017 – Update**

Mrs. Reynolds asked Mr. Bragoni if he'd been in contact with the organization. Mr. Bragoni stated he has not. Mrs. Reynolds gave a brief explanation of the plan (discussed 8/31/2017). Mr. Gibson stated in his opinion this is not the right time for this type of proposal.

#### **e) 2016 CACIWC Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference – Follow Up**

No report given.

#### **f) Plaque for Phil Goff**

Previously discussed under Item b) Budget.

### **7. New Business**

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

No correspondence received.

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

Mrs. Batzner gave a brief reported on the commissions she takes minutes for.

#### **9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mardi Hanson moved to adjourn. Tom Worthley second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bunny Hall Batzner*

Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 February 2017.**