

**TOWN OF HADDAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM
WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2016
APPROVED MINUTES
*Approved as Submitted at the 25 January 2017 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 7:10 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mardi Hanson moved to approve the 28 September 2016 agenda as submitted. Walter Bragoni second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Correction to the 31 August 2016 minutes – page 1, 6. Old Business, a. Open Space, first sentence – change “document” to “easement mapping”.

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

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Old Business

a. Open Space

Mrs. Reynolds reported she still hasn't had time to do anything with the easement mapping; however, she has received an email from Liz Glidden, Town Planner, offering to put funding within her budget to assist in completing this project. Mrs. Reynolds asked Mrs. Glidden to keep her informed as to what is taking place and feels this mapping will be a truer representation of what is supposed to be conserved land within the town. The Commission appreciated Mrs. Glidden's offer.

Beaver Ledges – Mrs. Reynolds reported the Haddam Land Trust has not yet heard from the state in regard to the grant.

Connecticut Audubon Open Space - Mr. Bragoni asked Mrs. Reynolds if she had sent him the information pertaining to this matter. Mrs. Reynolds stated she did, but will send it again.

b. Budget

Plaque Honoring Phil Goff - Mrs. Reynolds reported she had not mailed in the donation for the plaque honoring Phil Goff, but can still do so. Mrs. Reynolds asked if Mr. Goff had officially retired; and if anyone had been hired to fill his position. Mrs. Batzner stated yes, Mr. Goff has retired; and Chris Corsa, Superintendent of Operations, Town of Marlborough Public Works, has been hired to fill Mr. Goff's position and will start Tuesday, 11 October 2016. Mrs. Batzner also stated Pete Santoro has been hired as the Public Works foreman. A brief discussion followed in regard to other Public Works employees who are retiring – Ronnie Alger, Bob Cox, and Richie Zanelli – and who have resigned – Keith Campbell.

c. Plan of Conservation of Development (POCD)

Mrs. Reynolds reported the meeting held on Thursday, 8 September 2016, went well and she likes Horsley Witten. Mrs. Reynolds also report the meeting for town input will be held on Thursday, 1 December 2016, Community Center. Discussed how the Open Space Plan can be better included in the POCD.

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

Previously discussed under Open Space.

7. New Business

a. 2016 CACIWC Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference, Saturday, 12 November 2016

Mrs. Reynolds reported Tom Odell is retiring from *The Habitat*, but will continue as chairman for the Town of Westbrook Conservation Commission. Mrs. Reynolds also report the conference will be held at the Marriott in Rocky Hill.

b. Communications/Publications/Correspondence

Invasive Plant Symposium – Mrs. Reynolds reported this is a full day program – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – and will be held on Tuesday, 11 October 2016, Student Union, UConn, Storrs. Ms. Hanson stated she had attended a previous symposium and it was very well run and insightful.

8. Land Use Dept. Report

Mrs. Batzner reported on the following: **P&Z** – The Commission approved a request for zone change from residential to industrial park at 457 Killingworth Road. **Wetlands** – Will be meeting on Tuesday, 11 October 2016. **ZBA** – Meeting Thursday, 29 September 2016, in regards to a variance for a shed in the Hidden Lake area. **EDC** – Is working on the Fall River Days event, Saturday, 1 October 2016. Briefly discussed scheduled events.

9. Announcements

a. Farmers' Market

Mrs. Reynolds reported the Farmers' Market has been closed down due to the lack of attendance.

b. Haddam Fall River Days – Saturday, 1 October 2016

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Eagle Landing State Park and Goodspeed Station.

2:30 p.m. - Dusk, Haddam Meadows State Park – Fireworks!

Previously discussed under Land Use Dept. Report.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 26 October 2016.