

**TOWN OF HADDAM
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 REGULAR MEETING
 COMMUNITY CENTER
 7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM
 WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2018
 UNAPPROVED MINUTES
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

ATTENDANCE

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| 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 |
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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Reynolds, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Tom Worthley moved to approve the 30 May 2018 agenda as submitted. Ian Gibson second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Tom Worthley moved to approve the 31 January 2018 minutes as submitted. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Old Business

a. Open Space

Conservation Easement Mapping Project – Mrs. Reynolds reported on the following: Tighe and Bond was awarded the project, it kicked off earlier this month, and they have one (1) year to complete the project; and all information collected by Manon LeFevre and Mrs. Reynolds has been submitted. Mrs. Reynolds also reported she has asked that a layer be made showing easements such as Haddam Land Trust, Human Society, etc., so when someone looks at the data for individual polygons they're able to click on it and have a link to the actual easement documentation as well as a book prepared.

b. Budget

Mrs. Reynolds reported that the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget will have to be forfeited noting there where a number of issues preventing the use of the funding – state budget woes at the beginning of the fiscal

year and the lack of quorums at a number of Commission meetings to discuss use of the funds. Mrs. Reynolds stated the Commission will need to think of how to use the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 funding.

c. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) – Follow Up

Mrs. Reynolds reported the POCD is published. Commissioners requested hard copies. Mrs. Batzner offered to pick up the copies and bring them to the June meeting.

d. 81 Arkay Drive – Haddam Land Trust Property – Follow Up

Mrs. Reynolds reported she has recused herself and did not attend the Inland Wetlands Commission public meetings/hearings regarding this matter. Mr. Worthley stated he was unable to attend the May meeting. Mrs. Batzner reported the public hearing was continued until Monday, 18 June 2018.

7. New Business

a. Communications/Publications/Correspondence

None.

8. Land Use Dept. Report

P&Z – Mrs. Batzner reported there has been discussion regarding Tylerville Village District Regulations – public hearing Thursday, 21 June 2018, and there were two applications for structures in excess of 4,000 square feet within the Gateway Zone (approved). **Wetlands** – Previously discussed. **ZBA** – Hearing, Thursday, 31 May 2018, variance for a building addition at 180 Camp Bethel Road.

Dead Trees Along Roadside - Mrs. Reynolds reported a meeting has been scheduled at the UConn Middlesex Cooperative Extension Center with Liz Glidden, Town Planner, Chris Corsa, Assistant Director of Public Works, Emery Gluck, Forester 1, DEEP, Tom Worthley, Forester, UConn Extension Service, and herself, Master Gardener Coordinator, UConn Extension Service, to discuss the large number of dead trees (oak and ash) along the roadways. Mr. Worthley stated there needs to be some awareness raising as there are some towns where roadside dead trees are going to be a big issue. Mr. Worthley noted at Seven Falls there is 90 percent mortality and probably 20 trees that hang over Route 154. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Worthley will contact Patrick Skahill, science reporter, WNPR.

Market on the Green – Ms. Hanson asked about the new market. Mr. Gibson stated it is only for Haddam vendors; and that due to other commitments, he will not be able to participate. Mr. Gibson also stated it was put together with too short of notice and there are too many markets, but commended the effort. Mr. Gibson noted the Parmelee Farm Market is diminishing, Durham Market starts off strong, but dwindles down due to a number of farm stands throughout the town and surrounding area, and the Chester Market is still strong (opening day, Sunday, 10 June).

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bunny Hall Batzner
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Recording Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 June 2018.