

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Meeting
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Chairman Rick Baldoni called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, Rick Doran, Bill Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford and Rebecca Zalznock. Also in attendance was Donna Hemmann (Town Council Liaison) and Kathy Bagley, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With the correction of a spelling error, the Minutes for June 8, 2011 were reviewed and on a Motion by R. Moyer, Seconded by R. Doran, approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

K. Bagley informed the Commissioners that Jim Meehan of the Wethersfield Historic Society gave her a copy of "A Brief History of Mill Woods Park" today, and that she will have copies made for the next monthly meeting.

III. K. BAGLEY REPORT

Ms. Bagley attended the CT DOT public information meeting in that discussed the rehabilitation of the Putnam Bridge regarding the addition of bike lanes during the bridge renovation project. The issues that will affect the outcome of the project include lane width restrictions, funding, and providing safe access routes to the bridge.

IV. D. HEMMANN REPORT

- a. The status of the sale of the Crest Street parcel owned by the Town will be discussed at the upcoming Town Council meeting next week.
- b. The Town is selling the Savage Park parcel on the west side of the Silas Deane Highway (between Somerset Street and Rite Aid pharmacy). This park was swapped with the Town owned YMCA parcel located on the south side of Prospect Avenue and adjacent to Mill Woods Park. The proceeds of the sale of Savage Park will go to the Open Space fund.
- c. The sale of the house and barn on the Wilkus Farm property will go to the highest bidder, with the Town asking \$310,000. Ten acres of this section of the farm property is dedicated as a conservation easement. The proceeds for the sale will go to the Open Space fund.
- d. The Northeast Utilities 13-acre undeveloped parcel on Cumberland Avenue was discussed. Ms. Hemmann will find out the status of the Capitol Region Education Council's intent / options to purchase this parcel that is contiguous with two other parcels previously occupied by Northeast Utilities.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No updates on the proposed Beaver Brook Linear Park; the Wintergreen Woods pond bridge; bike lane stripping; or the Sylvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge status.

Chairman Baldoni adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM under a Motion by R. Moyer and seconded by B. Pulford.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zalznock