

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the March 10, 2010 Meeting

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Chairman Rick Baldoni called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM in the lower level Meeting Room in Town Hall, which was attended by Commissioners Andy Adil, Ingrid Boelhouwer, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, and Rebecca Zalznock. Also in attendance was Kathy Bagley, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department and Jim McAlister of the Town Council.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 13, 2010 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by B. Knapp, Seconded by R. Moyer, approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- The Commission members present at the meeting signed a letter of condolence that will be sent to Ruth Ann Schumaker on the recent passing of her husband and Commission member, Jim Schumaker.
- Chairman Baldoni wrote a thank you letter to Professor Button of Central Connecticut State University and his students for the preparation of the Wintergreen Woods studies and presentation of their reports. The Commission discussed the possibility of the Mayor presenting a Proclamation to the students recognizing their efforts in completing the study for the Town; and for the reports to be provided on the Town's web site.

III. KATHY BAGLEY REPORT

- A copy of one of the five reports for the Wintergreen Woods project conducted by Central Connecticut State University students will be available for anyone who wishes to review them. Chris Shepard previously provided each Commission member with a CD of the reports for their review. Commission members were to review the reports in order to make recommendations to the Town Council related to the maintenance and management of the park. The Commission agreed that a visit to Wintergreen Woods will be needed to assess the areas and conditions to provide a more accurate recommendation. The visit is scheduled for Tuesday March 23, 2010 at 5:00 PM, with everyone meeting at the Eagle Drive entrance / parking lot, located at the southwest edge of the High School track field.
- Information on EPA grants available for stormwater management will be reviewed to determine if any applications can be filed by the Town to clean up the invasive plants along Beaver Brook.

IV. JIM McALISTER REPORT

The Town's purchase of the Wilkus properties is scheduled to close soon, with a price reduction and an escrow agreement in place related to the contamination on the parcel developed with the house and barns. The remediation of contaminated soil near a designated inland wetland area will require a Permit, with the application scheduled to be heard at the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission meeting on March 17, 2010. Any Commission members are requested to attend the meeting.

Chairman Baldoni adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM under a Motion by R. Pulford and seconded by B. Knapp.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zalznock, Secretary