

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Meeting

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Co-Chairman Robert Pulford called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Andy Adil (arriving at 7:25 PM), Ingrid Boelhouwer, William Knapp, Christoph Geiss, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, and Rebecca Zalznock. Chairman Rick Baldoni arrived at 7:20 PM. Also in attendance was Christopher Shepard (arriving at 7:30 PM) of the Nature Center.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 14, 2010 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by W. Knapp, Seconded by C. Geiss, approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

C. Shepard presented an informational pamphlet from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) promoting their "National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures", a program in which the Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) plans to be a participant. The CCHD would like the Conservation Commission to be a sponsor of the program. As such, Commissioner I. Boelhouwer presented a Motion for the Conservation Commission to be listed as a Sponsor for the Central Connecticut Health District's "National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures".

Commissioner A. Adil seconded the Motion.
Motion carried with the members voting unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- W. Knapp stated that the Town's purchase of the properties associated with the Wilkus Farm is tentatively scheduled for closing on June 15, 2010.
- The Beaver Brook Linear Park was discussed regarding possible grants available to assess and remove invasive species.
- I. Boelhouwer mentioned that the Logus property (which abuts the northwest corner of Wintergreen Woods) may be available for purchase since the property is in the deceased owner's name and the taxes are delinquent. A. Adil volunteered to discuss the property status with the Town Tax Assessor.

IV. WINTERGREEN WOODS

- The Town presentation of a Proclamation to the Central Connecticut State University students acknowledging their work on the Wintergreen Woods project is scheduled for the May 19th Town Council meeting.
- B. Knapp reported that the Game Club has not yet assessed the condition of the foot bridges on the Blue Trail to determine if they will volunteer to conduct any necessary repairs.
- Jim Meehan of the Town Historic Society agreed to write an article on the history of Wintergreen Woods. The Commission will use any historic information along with the information provided in the CCSU reports to develop a list of recommended priorities for the management of Wintergreen Woods including the trail systems; maintenance / repair of the foot bridges on the Blue Trail; and the condition of the dam.

Chairman Baldoni adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM under a Motion by C. Geiss and seconded by W. Knapp.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zalznock, Secretary