

**Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of the September 8, 2010 Meeting**

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Chairman Rick Baldoni called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Andy Adil, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, and Rebecca Zalznock. Also in attendance was Kathy Bagley, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July 14, 2010 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by R. Moyer, Seconded by B. Knapp, approved unanimously.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

K. Bagley presented a letter submitted to the Town by Mr. Philip Tougas of 5 Hawthorn Way asking the Town to consider the placement of either a sidewalk or a recreational trail along the west side of Old Reservoir Road (on Town-owned land located near the Hawthorn Way intersection) for use by the residents in that section of town. The Conservation Commission is asked to review the location of town owned properties and roads to determine the feasibility of a trail; including a possible access connection to the west end of the Wilkus Farm parcel located south of Hawthorn Way. Ms. Bagley will invite Mr. Tougas to the Commission's October meeting to discuss his request.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- The Commissioners present at the meeting signed a thank you letter to be sent to Jim Meehan of the Wethersfield Historic Society for his report *A Unique and Priceless Asset: A Brief History of Wintergreen Woods* (copies were distributed to the members at the July 2010 meeting). Copies of the letter will be submitted to the Town Mayor and Town Manager.
- The Commission discussed safety conditions in certain sections of the recreational trail system in various locations including impaired access across the dam in Wintergreen Woods; bridge repair in sections of the trails in Wintergreen Woods; gate security for the trail near the high school and north to Nott Street; and the overgrown vegetation along Thornbush Avenue encroaching into the path of the biking lane.

**IV. KATHY BAGLEY REPORT**

- K. Bagley reported that the remainder of a State Grant (approximately \$8,800) for the repair of the section of trail leading from Griswold Street to Mill Woods Park will be used to add / replace trail signage to the Broad Street Green area. The signage will represent the completion of the Phase III portion of the Heritage Way Trail.
- K. Bagley receives a package of agenda items from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission each month for review by the Conservation Commission. However, the Conservation Commission does not have the opportunity to review these items prior to the IWWC meetings since the meeting dates do not coincide. The Commission members asked Ms. Bagley to inform the IWWC to discontinue sending the packages.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zalznock, Secretary