

**Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the June 10, 2009 Meeting**

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Chairman Christoph Geiss called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, Jim Schumaker and Rebecca Zalznock. Christopher Shepard of the Nature Center and Matthew Forrest of the Town Council were also in attendance.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 13, 2009 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by W. Knapp, Seconded by J. Schumaker, approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

None received.

III. MATT FORREST REPORT

- The Town is moving forward for the purchase of the Wilkus Farm, with the expected closing date set for mid-July. The Town Council is receiving nominations for members of a Steering Committee that will devise a management plan for the use of the properties.
- The engineering plan for the proposed Beaver Brook linear park has not yet been received by the Town.

IV. PROJECT DISCUSSIONS

- The Commission discussed the need to review the open spaces available in the Town and to revised the list for prioritizing properties for the Town to consider acquiring should they become available.
- The Commission will await for information from Town Council on proceeding with creating Open Space Management Plans for the Town-owned open space properties.
- The Commission will invite the Town Planner (Peter Gillepsie) to a meeting to discuss zoning options as related to open space designations.
- Mr. Shepard distributed copies of aerial photograph maps illustrating three contiguous parcels of undeveloped land located at the northwest corner of the Wintergreen Woods Park. Two abutting parcels (located on Wilmont and Amherst Streets) are listed in tax records as owned by the "Town of Wethersfield", but not noted as within "Wintergreen Woods Park" (as the adjacent Park is listed in the tax records). The third parcel (0.34 acre on Wilmont St.) is considered "blighted" and in default for back property taxes. The Commission discussed the options to have the Town parcels added to Wintergreen Woods Park, and to acquire the blighted parcel to add to the open space area, and I. Boelhouwer and R. Pulford will look into these issues.

V. MOTION

Commissioner W. Knapp presented a Motion for the Conservation Commission to recommend Town Council to re-authorize the November 2006 Open Space Referendum for a similar bond value.

Commissioner R. Pulford seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the members voting unanimously.

Chairman Geiss adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM under a Motion by W. Knapp and seconded by R. Moyer.

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca M. Zalznock