

**Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of the September 10, 2008 Meeting**

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Chairman Christoph Geiss called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, Jim Schumaker, and Rebecca Zaliznock. Others in attendance included Kathy Bagley of the Parks and Recreation Department, and Matthew Forrest of the Town Council (arriving at 8:30 pm)

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July 9, 2008 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by R. Moyer, Seconded by J. Schumaker, approved unanimously. Abstaining from the vote was R. Zaliznock who was not present at the July meeting.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A tabulated summary of the ideas generated by the first Green Summit workshop held in March 2008 was prepared by the Town Manager's office and distributed to the Commission members by K. Bagley. The ideas were assigned to various committees, for each to review the ideas and determine their feasibility, practicality, costs to implement, and other related issues.
- An "Energy Summit II – Energy Fair" will be held November 8, 2008 at the Wethersfield High School at 11 am. The fair is sponsored by the Town Council, the Board of Education, the Citizen's Energy Committee, the Economic Development & Improvement Commission, the Interfaith Green Committee and others. The fair will provide information related to energy conservation, environmental issues, renewable energy, recycling, etc. The core committee is looking for interested participants, which should submit a registration form to the committee by September 20, 2008.

**III. BEAVER BROOK LINEAR PARK STUDY**

Representatives of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) Jef Fasser and Tom Benjamin presented their results of their feasibility study for the development of a linear park along the Beaver Brook corridor, updating the 1969 Master Plan. VHB presented illustrative maps and photographs delineating the existing land use; the ecological and environmental conditions and constraints of the area; and the existing and proposed links to historic, recreational, educational, and community-related facilities. The assessment resulted in the formulation of recommended actions to be addressed in a phased approach. The Commission will review the presented information and provide any additional comments, changes, or requests to VHB.

**IV. KATHY BAGLEY UPDATE**

- The completion of Phase II and Phase III components of the Heritage Way trail was verified by a DEP representative in August 2008; and the reimbursement check for \$40,000 pursuant to the conditions of the Grant was received by the Town.
- Ms. Bagley presented copies of a draft map illustrating the Heritage Way recreational trail, which will be distributed to the general public at the Nature Center booth during the upcoming Cornfest.
- The Commission discussed issues related to the recreational trail including signage in the Meadows; "non-motorized vehicles" signage at the Folly Brook Blvd. / Brimfield Road trail entrance; and the need for bike racks at certain locations.

Commissioner Geiss adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM under a Motion by R. Moyer and seconded by R. Pulford.

Respectfully submitted by  
Rebecca M. Zaliznock