

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission  
Minutes - December 10, 2008

Chairman Christoph Geiss called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. Members present were Ingrid Boelhouwer, Robert Pulford, Ralph Moyer and James Schumaker. Matthew Forrest and Christopher Shepard of the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center were also in attendance.

A. Approval of Minutes.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008.

B. Report by Christopher Shepard.

1. Beaver Brook Linear Park Study (BBLPS).

Mr. Shepard informed the Commission that their comments and feed back would be brought to the Town Council sometime in January, 2009. He urged as many of the Commission as possible to attend.

2. Wilkus' Property.

Mr. Shepard reported that the town is still in negotiation with the owners regarding the purchase of the Thornbush Road open space property. The town has secured a State of Connecticut Open Space Award to help towards the purchase of this property.

C. Beaver Brook Linear Park.

The Commission turned its attention to a review of a draft of the document "Beaver Brook Linear Park – Conservation Commission Responses to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin. (VHB) Presentation 09-10-08," which was distributed earlier by email. Two changes were suggested (1) that the word "plant" be inserted in the second bullet between the words invasive and species, and (2) the language in the second paragraph be expanded so as to convey a preamble. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Commission's BBLPS document as amended.

E. Election of Commission Officers.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint the following to serve the Commission in 2009: Mr. Geiss as Chair, Mr. Pulford as Vice Chair and Ms. Zalznock as Secretary.

G. Adjournment.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Next meeting to be held 1/14/09.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph O. Moyer, Jr.  
Secretary pro diem