

Wethersfield Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting, Wednesday June 12, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Baldoni at 7:15 PM. Other members present included vice-chairman Bob Pulford, Dave Herold, Ralph Moyer, Linda Nielson and Rick Doran. Also present representing the Town of Wethersfield were Mayor Donna Hemmann, Council Liaison, and Kathy Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation Dept.

Minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2013 were discussed in a motion made by Rick Doran, seconded by Linda Nielson. Minutes were approved as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

Update from Director, Parks & Recreation: Kathy Bagley informed the Commission she and Mike Turner, Engineering Dept., had attended a meeting about the proposed walkway and bikeway for the Putnam Bridge. The meeting also included staff from the Town of Glastonbury, State DOT, CRCOG and CHA, Inc., the consultant working with the State DOT. The proposed alternatives for the walkway and the needed access ways were presented and discussed at the meeting. In Wethersfield, there are three proposed alternatives for the access way onto Great Meadow Road, which have varied impacts on the local wetland habitat and floodplain soils. The plan most favored maintains grades of 5% or less, reduces sharper curves, avoids the floodplain impacts, minimizes impacts on the wetlands, and is within the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The expected cost of the Wethersfield access way is estimated at about \$600,000. There are five possible alternatives being considered for the Glastonbury side, with a sixth possibility being discussed. The walkway in Glastonbury would parallel the Route 3 expressway on the downriver side of the bridge and access at various points along Naubuc Avenue. Cost estimates for work on the Glastonbury side are expected to be between \$2- and-\$4,000,000. Further discussion and presentation of the various proposals will take place at a public hearing on Tuesday June 18, 2013, at the Riverfront Community Center on Welles Street in Glastonbury at 7 PM. Several Conservation Commission members expressed an interest in attending that meeting.

Update from Mayor Donna Hemmann: no report at this time.

Old Business: nothing discussed.

New Business: nothing discussed.

Comments from the Public: no members of the public were present, nothing discussed.

Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM in a motion by Donna Hemmann, seconded by Bob Pulford. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Doran, Recording Secretary