

**Town of East Haddam
Conservation Commission
July 9, 2007**

The regular meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Monday, July 9, 2007 at the Grange Hall.

Call to Order: Chairwoman, Cynthia Matthew at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Paul Stuhlman, TJ Tarbox, Nancy Mackinnon, Cynthia Matthew, Susan Merrow, Katherine Klein and Peggy Carlson.

Guest: Prospective member Jon Russell.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Tarbox to approve the July 9, 2007 agenda, Second by Mr. Stuhlman. Unanimously passed.

Approval of June 5, 2007 Minutes: The following corrections were made:

1. To correct the vote on the Patrell & Sabine matters-it was noted that a call for nay votes was not taken.
2. Photo prizes- were given to Mrs. Mackinnon.
3. It was noted that the listing on page 2 was not complete-additional discussion was raised regarding farm-land and energy efficiency.

Motion by Mr. Tarbox to approve the June 5, 2007 minutes as amended, Second by Mrs. Mackinnon. Mrs. Merrow and Mrs. Klein abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Regarding the proposed Plan of Development-Mrs. Matthew will write to the Planning & Zoning Commission requesting information regarding the acceptance procedure and meeting schedule.
2. Inventory of Natural Resources-Mrs.Mackinnon has contacted prospective volunteers including past Conservation Commission members and others interested and plans to schedule a meeting in July.

Goals include:

- a. Provide a list of the natural resources already identified
- b. Identify additional areas including vistas and viewsheds
- c. Continue to work on identifying easements that have been granted to the Town
Mrs. Klein reported that Jim Ventres will be meeting with a mapping service on July 20th as part of the effort to show the easements on town maps. Mrs. Klein will follow up with Mr.Ventres.

New Business:

Stewardship Sub-committee: Mr. Stuhlman suggested whether there could be involvement by school children and parents as stewards. Discussion also as to possible educational field trips, contacting a biology teacher, prior interest by the Boy Scouts in having a camping site and the possibility of having the scouts become stewards of such a site, family involvement, contacting the Rockfall Foundation as a source for a grant if funds are needed to carry out a project. Mr. Stuhlman will begin to contact school, boy scout, and other resources.

Tabled: discussion of steps to cultivate working alliance with other town commissions.

Discussion of instituting a policy that would require a review by the commission when there are proposed land use changes of designated forest, agricultural, or preserved land from charitable donation to residential/developable.

Next meeting: August 7, 2007 meet at 6:00 p.m. to walk the Urbanik property,
Regular Meeting at the River House at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion by T.J. Tarbox, Seconded by Peggy Carlson.
Unanimously approved.

Submitted,
Katherine Klein