

Town of East Haddam
Conservation Commission
February 5, 2008
Adopted March 4, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7:02 p.m. at the River House. Cynthia Matthew being in the Chair and the Secretary being present.

a. Roll Call

Cynthia Matthew, Paul Stuhlman, Susan Merrow, Nancy MacKinnon, Peggy Carlson, TJ Tarbox and Jon Russell.

2. Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's Report was added under New Business.

East Haddam Land Trust was added under Other Discussion.

Motion by Mr. Tarbox to approve the agenda with the included changes. Second by Mrs. Carlson and unanimously passed.

3. Approval of Minutes for 01-03-08 and special meeting on 1-25-08

Motion by Mrs. MacKinnon to approve the 01-03-08 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Mrs. Merrow and unanimously passed.

The 1-25-08 approval was tabled.

4. Old Business

a. Updates:

ii. Open space inventory-Sue

Mrs. Merrow reviewed the filing system being compiled for the Open space inventory. Volunteers are needed to help. Mrs. Klein had shown interest; however, will be away until March. The necessity of having A2 maps was discussed. It was noted that when a property is purchased with State grant funds, an A2 map is required.

i. Stewardship 90-day action plan – Paul & TJ

Mr. Stuhlman reviewed key decisions made during the special meeting on 1-25-08 and as outlined in the meeting minutes.

Rob Smith, Land Trust, has forwarded standards for marking boundaries and has provided estimated costs for marking boundaries. Mr. Stuhlman suggested a combined training exercise with the East Haddam Land Trust at the Sabine property.

Mr. Ventres will be asked if the Sabine property contains survey pins.

Signage was discussed.

It is the desire of the commission to work in conjunction with the high school to fulfill student's civic responsibility requirement. This requirement could be filled by helping catalog/inventory open space. Mr. Perry was made aware of the commission's desire to involve students.

iii. Open space committee- Cynthia

Mrs. Matthew reviewed the Open Space Committee meeting she attended. Mrs. Matthew commented that there were no minutes for these meetings because they were held in executive session.

5. New Business

i. Budget for next year

Next year's budget was reviewed and edited. Mrs. Matthew will be submitting it tomorrow.

Mr. Russell volunteered to be the treasurer.

It was noted that additional funds would be needed in the budget for boundary markers.

Mrs. MacKinnon suggested having signs similar to the Lyme Land Trust.

ii. Bills

Motion by Mr. Tarbox to pay \$200.00 for markers. Second by Mr. Russell and unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Tarbox to pay \$68.59 for office supplies. Second by Mr. Russell and unanimously passed.

Motion by Mrs. MacKinnon to pay to exceed \$40.00 for a table top post it board for working sessions and a package of markers. Second by Mr. Tarbox and unanimously passed.

ii. Announcement: Board of education liaison to CC appointed – Brian Perry.

iii. Collaborating with the Board of Education

The commission discussed with Mr. Perry their desire to collaboratively work with the Board of Education as documented in previous meeting minutes.

Mrs. MacKinnon questioned Mr. Perry if the board of education was limiting pesticide use at the schools to which Mr. Perry replied affirmatively.

6. Confirmation of next meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday; March 4th at 7p.m. at the River House.

7. Other discussion

Mr. Stuhlman suggested working in conjunction with the East Haddam Land Trust in sponsoring walks on Field Day in June. Mr. Stuhlman stated this would be a good way to communicate open space.

Mrs. MacKinnon stated the commission had successfully sponsored walks in the past.

Mr. Stuhlman will propose this partnership at the next Land Trust Meeting.

Mrs. MacKinnon volunteered to write an article for the next quarterly newsletter highlighting the Patrel property. Mr. Stuhlman offered to write an article highlighting trail day.

Mrs. Carlson shared a book titled Managing Conservation Land by Peter Westover and inquired if the commission would desire to purchase the book. It is the desire of the commission to fund a reference library.

Motion by Mr. Tarbox to purchase Managing Conservation Land by Peter Westover. Second by Mrs. MacKinnon.

Motion by Mrs. Merrow to research the cost of the book before approving and to table the motion. Second by Mrs. MacKinnon.

Favor: Matthew, Stuhlman, Merrow, MacKinnon, Carlson, Russell

Oppose: Tarbox

Abstain: None

Motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Russell at 8:34 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. MacKinnon and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted;

E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary