

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2017
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

Present: Randall Paz, Lisa Lozier, Roberta Lauria, Marge Burris, Jeffrey Brousseau
Friends of Paderewski: Elaine Belanger

STAFF: Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner, Robert Lee, Town Manager, Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

Absent: Eric Levy

I. G. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Motion to move item G to number 1 by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

Discussion:

- Robert reported that the Inland / Wetland Commission approved the drainage pipe that will be filtered and empty into Paderewski Pond.
- Shane Lockwood, Director of Health will look at the report to make sure that the water is safe for the Fishing Derby. Shane is out of town for the March meeting. The committee agrees that having Shane attend the April meeting would be helpful before the Fishing Derby. Robert will ask Shane to attend the April 12th meeting.
- Robert reported that Loureiro submitted a proposal to do some study work, before possibly dredging the pond. The Town Council and Robert will meet to discuss the proposal right before the next Town Council meeting on Monday, February 22. The committee members are welcome to attend. The meeting will be at either 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm. Robert to send an email to committee members with the time.
- Jeffrey suggested adding Paderewski Pond as number "1" on the agenda going forward. Marge to make this change.

Motion to return to the regular meeting agenda by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

II. Minutes

Motion to accept meeting minutes from January 11, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting with 2 changes.

1. Under item V. item D. It should read Roberta.

2. Eric Levy's term on the commission will end this January. Due to personal matters, he will be resigning.

by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

III. Treasurer's Report

Marge went over the report. There needs to be one change, account 52330 needs to have \$600.00 reallocated to account 52401 to pay for professional development costs. Marge to remind the Finance Department of this change.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Report accepted

IV. Mail and Communications

Marge went over all emails and correspondence with the commission.

1. Marge wanted to make sure that Town Staff responds to the letter from Rose Mirante. Marge to follow up with Robert.

2. Marge shared an email she sent to Robert Lee about the change for the Treasurer's Report. Marge to follow up with Robert to make sure the change is made on the next report. The change is that account 52330 needs to have \$600.00 reallocated to account 52401 to pay for professional development costs.

3. Marge shared an email from River Alliance of CT.

4. Marge shared an email from CFPA Happenings.

5. Marge shared an email she sent to Robert requesting Shane Lockwood, Department of Health attend a commission meeting. The commission is interested in his opinion about the safety of the fish at Paderewski before the Fishing Derby. The commission decided it would be best to ask Shane to attend the April 12th Meeting. Marge to follow up with Robert.

6. Marge shared an email she sent to Lisa Metayer about Eric Levy. Marge to follow up with Lisa and Carol and let them know that Eric will not renew for another term due to personal matters.

7. Marge shared an agenda on the Linden Project Committee.

8. Pequabuck River Shed membership renewal was received.

9. Forest and Park – thank you note was received. Marge requested more copies of the Connecticut Wildlife magazine for committee members.

V. Old Business

- A. Trails – Randall looking to coordinate a hike June 3rd on National Trails Day. Randall would like to submit the hike as an event. Marge to check with Robert to make sure this is ok. Marge to also put the event on the Town website.
- B. Website – nothing. Marge to look at it and add items as necessary.
- C. River Clean up – no update
- D. Earth Day – 2017 – Roberta shared information she obtained about purchasing seeds for butterfly habitats. The commission looked about the proposals and decided to order seeds as part of the Earth Day celebration for the town residents.

The town residents' could pick up a packet of seeds and plant them in their yard to help the Monarch Butterflies and Bees that are endangered.

The seed packets could be placed at the Library, Town Hall and Senior Citizen Center, if possible. Town residents may pick up a bag by providing their address. Town businesses will also be encouraged to participate.

The committee agrees 100 -150 bags of seeds would be a good place to start this first year. If it goes well and is well received by town residents, next year more seeds can be purchased.

Marge to follow up to make sure the proposed locations for the seeds would be ok with Town Staff. Marge to report information at the next meeting.

Motion to allocate up to \$200.00 to purchase milkweed / butterfly/ bee habitat seeds and supplies for Earth Day by: J. Brousseau
Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

- E. Fishing Derby – tentatively looking at Sunday, May 7th.
- F. Shed inventory – no update
- G. Paderewski Pond – addressed above

VI. New Business

No updates.

VII. Misc Items

No updates.

VIII. Appropriations

Addressed above.

IX. Appointments

No updates.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: L. Lozier made the motion to adjourn the meeting
at 9:05pm.

SECONDED: E. Levy

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary