

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

Minutes

Present: Randall Paz, Lisa Lozier, Roberta Lauria, Jeffrey Sepko (new member effective 3/9/17)

Friends of Paderewski: Elaine Belanger, Tammy Duprey

Absent: Marge Burris, Jeffrey Brousseau

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

I. G. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Discussion:

- Rosemary reminded the commission members that March 20th at 6:30 pm is the work session with Loureiro to discuss Paderewski Pond and the possible dredging of the pond.
- Lisa reported that the Pond Level is low, but the water is clear.
- Tammy reported that there have been several dogs without leashes around the pond. Marge to inform Robert.
- Shane Lockwood, CT Department of Health will attend the April meeting to discuss any concerns before the Fishing Derby tentatively scheduled for May 7th.

II. Minutes

There were not enough members present for a quorum. Minutes will be approved at meeting in April.

III. Treasurer's Report

Marge was not present at the meeting, report will be discussed at meeting in April.

IV. Mail and Communications

Roberta went over all emails and correspondence with the commission.

1. Roberta shared 2 emails on the seeds for Earth Day.
2. Roberta shared an email from Marge about the Connecticut Wild Life Magazine.
3. Roberta shared an email about the work session for Paderewski Pond.
4. Roberta shared an email about budget cuts from CT Forest and Park.
5. Roberta shared the invoice for the seeds for Earth Day. The costs were approved at the meeting in February.
6. Roberta shared an email about DEEP on the Condition of State Waters.
7. Roberta shared an email about the new commission member Jeffrey Sepko.
8. Roberta shared an email from Marge to Jeffrey, the new commission member.
9. Roberta shared an email on CFPA happenings.
10. Roberta shared an email from Garrett Daigle about some grants that are available.

V. Old Business

- A. Trails – Randall looking to coordinate a hike on June 3rd. He would like to post the event on the American Hiking Society's web page and book. Randall to contact Robert Lee for permission.
- B. Website – no updates, Jodi Columbe a resident reported that the PDF is not working. Marge to check it.
- C. River Clean up – Lisa talked to Manafort Brothers and the motel about cleaning up the area. Lisa is waiting for the motel to contact her. The time of the clean-up is May 6, 9 to 12.
- D. Earth Day – 2017 – Roberta gave an update on the Earth Day project.
 - The check was sent out to pay for the seeds.
 - The Senior Center will help bag the seeds.
 - Roberta working on a sheet of planting directions.
 - Roberta will talk to Marge to see if it is possible to put a label on the seed packets "Conservation Commission". To be discussed at next meeting.
- E. Fishing Derby – tentatively set for May 7.
- F. Shed inventory – Roberta to check to make sure all is ready for Fishing Derby.

VI. New Business

Roberta passed around the sheet for all members to add their updated phone numbers, addresses etc.

VII. Misc Items

1. Land Acquisition Committee – Lisa has to contact Tom Warnat about Open Spaces in Town where the Dog Park can be.

2. Jodi Coulombe, 128 Bohemia Street was present. She talked to the commission about the possibility of contacting the High School Guidance Counselors to let the students know of volunteer opportunities where they can get their required 10 hours of service to graduate. The commission members explained to Jodi that all events are publicized in the local papers and that it is the responsibility of the students to seek opportunities to complete their community service. Roberta shared that the students can also volunteer at their churches, school clubs or other locations as well.

The commission members explained to Jodi that they are willing to sign any forms necessary, if students come to any events for the commission.

VIII. Appropriations

None

IX. Appointments

Roberta asked if Lisa and Randall would like to continue on the commission, their terms expired. They would like to continue as members. Rosemary to inform the Town Council.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary