Conservation Commission Regular Meeting May 10, 2017 Municipal Center Room 302 7:30 pm

Minutes

Present: Marge Burris, Randall Paz, Lisa Lozier, Roberta Lauria <u>Friends of Paderewski</u>: Elaine Belanger, Tammy Duprey **Absent:**, Jeffrey Brousseau, Jeffrey Sepko

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

Visitors: None

I. G. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Discussion:

- Water levels are good
- Will start water testing again soon
- Drainage pipe almost done
- · Lisa talked about the need for erosion prevention
- The committee discussed low impact development. Roberta to look into and get information. (adding plantings, coves for fish etc.)
- Should the pond rules specify catch and release? Marge to contact Shane at the Health Department.
- The members shared concerns about people hanging around the pond since the stocking of the pond.
- Additional trash, human excrement, coconuts found at pond since Fishing Derby
- Teenagers / residents doing drugs. Additional police presence needed?
- Fishing Derby was a success over 90 children participated.
- II. Minutes

<u>A motion was made by:</u> L. Lozier to approve the April 12 Minutes as written. **Seconded:** R.Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Minutes approved

III. Treasurer's Report

Marge went over the Treasurer's Report.

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 shared an email about the River clean up.
- 2. Marge shared an email about the fish she ordered for the fishing derby.
- 3. Marge shared an email about the Gmail account.
- 4. Marge shared emails about the password for the Conservation Commission email.
- 5. Marge shared an email about the River Alliances of Connecticut.
- 6. Marge shared emails about the Fishing Derby and volunteers.
- 7. Marge shared an email about the Earth Day seeds volunteers.
- 8. Randall shared information about the upcoming hike and sign up form.
- 9. Marge shared an email about the CT Trails Day Leader Summit.

V. Old Business

- A. <u>Trails</u> Randall shared the press release for the upcoming hike.
- B. <u>Website</u> Marge updated it with the Fishing Derby info and hike.
- C. <u>River Clean up</u> –Lisa thanked everyone for their help with the cleanup. Lisa shared pictures of the trash collected. It was a success
- D. <u>Earth Day 2017</u> Marge gave an update on the Earth Day project.
 - Seeds will be distributed at the Senior Center, Library,
 Town Hall and Town Clerk's office.
 - Marge to work Friday with some volunteers at the Senior Center bagging and labeling the seeds.
- E. <u>Fishing Derby</u> was a success. Over 90 participants elementary, middle school and high school participants.
- F. <u>Shed inventory</u> Roberta went over a spreadsheet of inventory. The committee agrees that the water bottles, old brochures, bug spray and paddles / kaleidoscopes should be disposed of. Marge to remove Shed inventory from the agenda for the next meeting.

VI. New Business

-Garrett reported that the GAP Closure Group will have a meeting on Monday, May 22 at the Library.

VII. Misc Items

1. Land Acquisition Committee – nothing to report.

VIII. Appropriations

None

IX. Appointments

None

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom Recording Secretary