

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2017
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

Present: Randall Paz, Jeffrey Brousseau, Jeffrey Sepko, Lisa Lozier, Roberta Lauria

Friends of Paderewski: Elaine Belanger, Tammy Duprey

Absent: Marge Burris

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

Visitors: Art Marino, Curator, Tomasso Nature Park

A. Roll Call

1. Marge Burris has an excused absence.

2. Robert Lee talked to the commissioners about the previous meeting. He expressed concern on the level of professionalism exhibited by the commissioners. He also talked to the commissioners about bringing all Town issues to his attention first. He explained that they cannot hold private meetings after a regular meeting. All meetings must be taped and the commission must have an agenda and follow the rules and regulations of the Freedom of Information Act. The commissioners agreed. Robert will discuss these issues with Marge at another time, as she was not present at the meeting.

B. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Discussion:

- Lisa asked what Department is in charge of keeping the pond clean, pick up trash, fishing line, etc. Robert Lee said that Town staff goes down there once or twice a week to clean up.
- Robert went over the Rainfall history and oxygen levels with the commission.
- Jeff B. asked if it is ok to mow the grass by the fence near Pad pond. Robert said mowing grass is fine.
- Roberta received an email from Steve Trinkas about low impact development at the Pond. Robert will keep it in mind, but there is no money currently in the budget for this expense.
- The commission asked about cutting the bittersweet near the pond. Robert reports that it is ok for the residents to cut the bittersweet to the ground and it will dry up.
- Tammy reports that people are dumping items near the pond. Robert asks that she report it to him or the police so that it will stop happening.

- Boy Scouts – if they need a project they should contact Robert.
- Lisa reports that the fishing line canisters need to be emptied.
- Jeff B. reports that the outlet near Grant Avenue needs to be emptied, it is full of sand. Robert to address it.

C. Minutes

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to accept the August meeting minutes with one change. **Under new business, 2nd paragraph should read “Marge to send an email to Robert about communicating with commission members so they can attend.”**

Seconded: J. Sepko

All in Favor 5 to 0

Minutes Approved

D. Treasurer's Report

Roberta went over the Treasurer's Report.

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

Second: J. Sepko

All in Favor 5 to 0

Report Accepted

E. Mail and Communications

1. Roberta went over all emails and correspondence with the commission.
 - Roberta shared an email from Marge to Robert about informing commissioners of upcoming meetings.
 - Roberta shared an email from Marge that she sent to the Police Chief about issues at Pad Pond.
 - Roberta shared an email about info from the Quinnipiac River Watershed
 - Roberta shared an email from Robert about the responsibilities of maintenance for Town Parks.
 - Roberta shared an email from Jenn Dahlstrom that Sept will be her last meeting and Katy is the new Secretary.
 - Roberta shared an email from CFPA
2. Roberta asked who is interested in attending the CACIWC conference in November. Jeff B, Randall, Roberta and Marge are attending.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to pay the CACIWC membership fee for 2017 – 2018 in the amount of \$65.00.

Seconded by: Jeff S.

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

A motion was made by: R. Paz to approve up to \$200.00 (4 ppl) to attend the CACIWC Annual Conference.

Seconded by: Jeff B.

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

F. Old Business

- A. Trails – No updates.
- B. Website – Marge updated it.
- C. River Clean up – Lisa shared that the next cleanup is September 30, 9 to 12 at the watershed. There is also another cleanup in conjunction with other towns for the Quinnipiac on September 23 from 9 to 12.
- D. Earth Day – 2017 – went well.
- E. Fishing Derby – no updates.

G. Misc Items

- 1. Land Acquisition Committee – nothing to report.
- 2. Discussion on gap closure – nothing new to report.

H. Appropriations

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to reimburse Marge Burris \$19.76 for 2 hand extenders for river clean up.

Seconded by: Jeff S.

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

I. Appointments

None

J. Adjournment

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary