

Conservation Commission Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday September 14, 2016

Members present included Ralph Moyer, Linda Nielson, Dick Londergan, Rick Doran, plus Kathy Bagley, Staff Liaison and Tony Martino, Council Liaison.

- Approval of the minutes of April 13, 2016. Minutes were approved unanimously, as presented in a motion by R. Moyer, seconded by L. Nielson.
- Town Council Liaison, Tony Martino: remarks and discussion about the Town budget were presented and noted that total Town expenses remain close to the same as previous fiscal year. Tony stated he pressed the Town Manager about combining this Commission with the Inland Wetlands Commission and was assured it was in progress and to be addressed imminently.
- Staff Liaison, Kathy Bagley: report presented under New Business.
- Old Business: vacant parcels in tax arrears were discussed; it was noted two of five had the back taxes paid; of the three remaining, the one near Wintergreen Woods Park had some merit, as it could be included in the park acreage, if the Town forecloses on the property. R. Moyer remarked it would be desirable to set up “simple bench seating” at several open sites, which could provide the public with green space respite from the surrounding community. It was agreed by all this was a desirable outcome, when resources could be applied to such a plan. But no such resources exist at this time.
- New Business: Kathy Bagley reported Town staff is to meet with the Town Manager during the week of September 19th, to discuss the possible combining of this Commission with the Inland Wetlands Commission. Future meetings of this Commission would be on an “as needed” basis, determined by whether members or Staff provides an agenda. Kathy Bagley will canvas members to determine possible agenda items and then advise all members whether the Commission will meet or not.
- Public Comment: no members of the public were present, so there is nothing to report.
- Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM, in a motion by D. Londergan, seconded by R. Moyer; motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Rick Doran