

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the February 9, 2011 Meeting
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Chairman Rick Baldoni called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, Andy Adil, Christoph Geiss, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, and Rebecca Zaliznock. Also in attendance was Mayor Donna Hemmann; Kathy Bagley, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department; Christopher Shepard, Director of the Nature Center.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for both October 13, 2010 and November 10, 2010 were reviewed and on a Motion by I. Boelhouwer, Seconded by R. Pulford, approved unanimously
[No Minutes were recorded for the December 8, 2010 meeting which failed to have a Quorum.]

II. COMMUNICATIONS / OLD BUSINESS

1. K. Bagley distributed copies of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-131a regarding the general provisions of municipal Conservation Commissions per a previous clarification request by I. Boelhouwer. The most recent changes to the provisions is the addition of language regarding Greenways.
2. C. Shepard distributed copies of the "Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge" that is expected to be publically "launched" in March 2011. Mr. Shepard requested the Commission's support for the program, and to designate a representative to attend the upcoming event.

III. NEW BUSINESS

K. Bagley presented a request by the Town Manager for the Commission to review and comment on land-locked vacant land located on Goff Road. These two contiguous parcels are included in the Commissions inventory records as undeveloped, and are identified as Parcel 036-004 (12 acres) and Parcel 035-014 (5.2 acres) are listed in Assessor records as owned by Theodore R. Paulding, et al. The densely wooded parcels do not contain any road frontage, requiring permission from any neighboring private property owners to obtain access. The parcels are known to contain wetland soils and swampy / wet areas, and are delineated as within the 100-year flood zone. Taxes are in arrears by the property owner. After a brief discussion, Ms. Bagley offered to check with the Town Manager for a time table for his request and will send the Commission additional information.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Commissioners briefly discussed the status of the Beaver Brook Linear Park proposed project; with the Subcommittee (A. Adil, I. Boelhouwer, R. Moyer, R. Zaliznock) to meet and discuss options for getting the project started.
2. R. Baldoni reported on the proposed trail bridge repair work in Wintergreen Woods, and is working on preparing a cost estimate for the repair materials.

Chairman Baldoni adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM under a Motion by C. Geiss and seconded by R. Pulford.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zaliznock