

**Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the May 13, 2009 Meeting**

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Jim Schumaker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Rick Baldoni, Ingrid Boelhouwer, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, and Rebecca Zaliznock. Kathy Bagley of the Parks and Recreation Department, Christopher Shepard of the Nature Center, and Matthew Forrest of the Town Council were also in attendance.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 8, 2009 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by R. Moyer, Seconded by W. Knapp, approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- C. Shepard provided information on the upcoming Wilderness First Aid course scheduled at the Nature Center for May 30-31, 2009.
- J. Schumaker presented the booklet announcing the National Trail Days on June 6-7, 2009 (a brochure can be viewed at <http://www.ctwoodlands.org/>) with the Conservation Commission sponsoring a hike along the Heritage Way Recreational Trail at 9:30 am.

III. MATT FORREST UPDATE

- The Referendum of May 12, 2009 passed for the Town purchase of the Wilkus Farm.
- The engineering plan for the proposed Beaver Brook linear park should be received by the Town next week. The Commission discussed some options for improvements to the area.

IV. KATHY BAGLEY UPDATE

Ms. Bagley passed around a copy of the trail pamphlet prepared by the Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) their health and fitness event held on April 25, 2009 at the Wethersfield Community Center.

V. PROJECT DISCUSSIONS

- Boelhouwer suggested the Commission consider the expansion of the Heritage Way Recreational Trail to the areas along Thornbush Avenue and Willow Street, connecting the loop at Wintergreen Woods.
- The Commission also discussed issues related management of the Town's open spaces.
- R. Moyer suggested the Commission meet with the Rocky Hill Conservation Commission to discuss issues related to the connection of the Heritage Way trail to Ferry Landing.

Mr. Schumaker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM under a Motion by R. Moyer and seconded by I. Boelhouwer.

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca M. Zaliznock