

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 14, 2009

Vice-Chairman Robert Pulford called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM in Town Hall Conference Room #1. Members present were: Rick Baldoni, Ingrid Boelhouwer, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, and James Schumaker. Also present were Jeff Bridges, Town Manager and Kathy Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

1. Ms. Bagley's Report.

Ms. Bagley presented a list of properties which are currently delinquent in town taxes. After reviewing the list and the accompanying town map, a motion was made and seconded that the Conservation Commission request the Town Council to review the costs of preparing the necessary legal documentation to provide for the acquisition of the property commonly referred to as the Logush-Geronim property for conservation purposes. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Town Manager.

Jeff Bridges reported that the Town Council has asked him to develop a policy for the acquisition of open space. Commission members related to him that the commission developed within the past couple of years a fairly detailed list of the available open spaces and ranked them in terms of their desirability. Ralph Moyer gave him a copy of the report which included the rationale for ranking the properties. That document was eventually submitted to the Town Council. Since the document was created, the Town has purchased the YMCA property and the Wilkus' property.

3. Delinquent Properties.

Ingrid Boelhouwer and James Schumaker agreed to volunteer to investigate delinquent properties on the 2008 Grand List sometime in January.

4. Old Business.

The Beaver Brook Park Master Plan has been approved by the Town Council. There was a short discussion of potential goals for the project, i.e. high and low priorities. Some members seemed to remember that these issues were addressed in the document that was prepared by the consultants, Vanasse Hangen and Brustlin, Inc.

5. New Business.

None.

6. Adjournment.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph O. Moyer, Jr.,
Secretary pro diem