

**Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
DRAFT Minutes of the February 13, 2008 Meeting**

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Chairman Christoph Geiss called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, Adam Jaemal, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, Jim Schumaker, Royce Vehslage and Rebecca Zaliznock. Kathy Bagley of the Parks and Recreation Department and Matthew Forrest of the Town Council were also in attendance.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 9, 2008 Minutes were approved (Motion by B. Knapp, Second by R. Pulford).

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- The Commission agreed to participate in the state's annual "Trail Days" program for June 7 & 8; and J. Schumaker will complete and submit the application for a walk on a section of Heritage Way.
- Notice from the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists of their annual meeting on February 26, 2008 to be held in Wallingford, CT.

III. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Forrest Report:

Mr. Forrest announced that the Wethersfield "Green Summit" workshop is scheduled to be held in the Pitkin Community Center the evening of March 13, 2008, and encouraged all Commission members to attend. The agenda of the summit will be to assess existing programs in Wethersfield; discuss and explore ideas and options for planning a "green" community; and evaluate the findings and conclusions to formulate a plan. The Summit will be announced in local newspapers and publications. Moderators will be recruited and Mr. Forrest asked the Commission members to collect any literature, ideas, grant information, etc. for the Summit.

Kathy Bagley Report:

Heritage Way Recreational Trail construction continues and repairs are being made to the bike trail behind high school football field. The DEP grant expires in June 2008 and the Physical Service Department is aware of the deadline. The signage schedule is on target.

Old and New Business:

- Boelhouwer initiated a discussion on the future of properties located in the Meadows and the need to assure their continued use as agricultural and open space land. The Commission voted unanimously to include the Meadows properties in the Inventory record.
- The Commission discussed the possibility of creating an internet web site or a web page on the Town's web site. Chairman Geiss asked the members to review web sites for other Towns to suggest ideas or areas of interest at the next scheduled meeting.
- The Commission discussed the recycling programs available to the Town and its residents for the disposal of florescent light bulbs.

Commissioner Geiss adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM (moved by I. Boelhouwer seconded by R. Pulford).

Respectfully submitted by
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