



APPROVED MINUTES

Canton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Canton Community Center, Room B
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT

Commissioners briefly attended the BOS meeting regarding the Dog Park, which was later tabled.

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Canton Conservation Commission on January 27, 2016 was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Sara Faulkner, Jay Kaplan, Hedy Barton and Maureen Flynn

ABSENT: William Spatcher

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski, Project Administrator George Wallace and Director of Public Works Robert Martin

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Town Garage** – Director of Public Works Bob Martin and Project Administrator George Wallace presented a booklet version of a Power Point, which will be given to the IWWA on February 11, 2016. The document explained a proposed new Town Garage to be built on the current site, 50 River Road. The plan calls for a new building and enhanced public river access with possible boat launch, additional parking, a picnic area and improvements to the current ball field. The plan is in an early stage, and both Mr. Wallace and Mr. Martin are looking for comments/suggestions for this proposal. Mr. Martin stated that the old garage is in very poor condition.
2. **Future Directions for Commission** – TABLED.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **DEEP Open Space Grant** – There are no willing sellers at this time.
2. **Right to Farm Ordinance** – Ms. Faulkner will write the informative pamphlet for the Right to Farm Ordinance.
3. **Natural Resource Inventory** – The Town of Norfolk's current Natural Resource Inventory will be used as a format for Canton's NRI, in which work will commence at the next meeting.
4. **Next Steps in Agricultural Protection** – Bristol Farm – In September 2015, the Bristol Family put in an application with the CT Department of Agriculture Farm Preservation program for the purchase of development rights to Bristol Farm. The BOS and First Selectman Leslee Hill, with effort from Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski, worked quickly to complete the town's paperwork and send it out; a great effort that was done in record time. Unfortunately, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (an agency that could provide joint funding with the town and State) sent their paperwork on January 11, 2016. Said paperwork was due on January 15th, providing insufficient time for Dan Bristol to get the necessary signatures of his far-flung extended family. The application will be in good position for next year's grant.

MOTION: Ms. Faulkner moved that Commission send a letter of thanks to the Board of Selectmen with special thanks to First Selectman Leslee Hill and Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski. Flynn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Minutes: December 09, 2015 Special Meeting –**

MOTION: Mr. Kaplan moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 9, 2015 as presented. Ms. Barton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. **Staff Report –** Ms. Faulkner met with First Selectman Leslee Hill, whom stated she would like to have an open dialogue with all Commissions and Boards, allowing for more transparency. It was noted that the Commission has two applications pending for new members. Ms. Anyzeski reminded the Commissioners that there will be a FOI Training class at 7:00 on February 3, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Flynn moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m. Ms. Barton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.