



APPROVED MINUTES

Canton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Canton Community Center, Room B
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Canton Conservation Commission on February 24, 2016 was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: William Spatcher

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The regular meeting minutes of January 27, 2016 were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)** – The Commission will divide the NRI into chapters, which will be completed by its members. Each Commissioner will maintain his or her own bibliography. The APA format will be used; Faulkner will forward the APA format information. Ms. Anyzeski will ask for photos from town residents, showing the natural resources of Canton for the NRI.
 - a. The Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 (Geology) will be done by Sara Faulkner.
 - b. Chapter 3 (Canton's Weather) is assigned to Maureen Flynn.
 - c. Chapters 4 and 5, which require mapping, will be done by Emily Anyzeski.
 - d. Chapter 6 and 7 (Plants and Wild Life) will be done by Jay Kaplan.
 - e. Chapter 8 (Areas of Ecological Importance) and Chapter 9 (Open Space Inventory) will be reviewed by the entire Commission at a later date.
 - f. Chapter 10 (Scenic Resources) will be done by Hedy Barton.
 - g. Chapters 11 and 12 will be reviewed at a later date.
2. **Progress on POCD Objectives** – A draft pamphlet explaining the Right to Farm Ordinance will be completed and distributed soon.
 - a. The Right to Farm Ordinance has been completed and Ms. Faulkner will complete work on a Right to Farm educational pamphlet.
 - b. Work has begun on the Open Space Management plan and Natural Resources Plan.
 - c. The Farm Preservation plan is on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Board of Selectmen Goals** – The Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Implementation Plan where the Conservation Commission is the Lead Agency is on the Commission's agenda.
 - a) Open Space Inventory – Has been worked on but requires further research and mapping.
 - b) Farmland Preservation
 1. The Right to Farm Ordinance is complete
 2. Right to Farm Educational pamphlet is due at our March 2016 meeting
 3. The Canton Farm Inventory is near completion

- c) Natural Resource Inventory
 - 1. A list has been completed, but it requires additional research and an updated format
 - 2. Educational programs are not on our agenda at this time
- d) Open Space Plan
 - 1. The Commission currently has a template for Canton's Open Space, which was developed at the same time the Cannon Open Space Plan was developed
 - 2. Nothing has been done about educating the public as to Canton's Open Space parcels at this time
 - 3. An inventory of active farmland has been worked on but needs further research and mapping
- e) Scenic Roads – Nothing has been done
- f) Verification of Vernal Pools – Work has been done on this but GIS tracking and mapping still needs to be completed
- g) Large forest (500 acres) and core forest acquisition and management are areas for study

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. **Staff Report** – A Niagara Bottling Plant is to be built in Bloomfield, in which they will buy large amounts of MDC water, and Town Planner Neil Pade has consulted with Bloomfield Officials regarding this situation. Sara Faulkner will meet with Bob Skinner and George Wallace (Town Engineer) to suggest the old dump site near the Transfer Station as a potential site for the Town Garage.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Kaplan moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m. Ms. Barton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.