



## APPROVED MINUTES

Canton Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.  
Community Center, Room B  
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

**PRESENT** – Chairman Sarah Faulkner, Jay Kaplan, Bill Spatcher, Maureen Flynn, Michael Pendell, and Cynthia Zdzanukas

**ABSENT** – Hedy Barton

**ALSO PRESENT** – Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION:** J. Kaplan moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 regular meeting as amended. M. Flynn seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-3. B. Spatcher, M. Pendell, and C. Zdzanukas abstained.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1) **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Update**

- a. **Soils Section** – E. Anyzeski has begun work mapping the types of soils in Canton and presented two soil maps; an Inland Wetland soil map and a Farmland soil map. The data on this section will come later. Commissioners were given an APA Citation Guidelines printout to use as a guide, and OWL (online writing lab) and Dupuedu.com may also be useful in our writing.
- b. **Wildlife Section** – J. Kaplan will complete the section on Plants and Wildlife. He has most of the information, but it must be put into the proper format. Information is needed for the Notable Trees in Canton Section; Emily Anyzeski can get that information for the Commission. S. Faulkner will get information for the chapter on Geography and Geology, as well as doing the Introduction.
- c. **Progress on Obtaining Photographs** – E. Anyzeski will contact the town Facebook and Twitter accounts to ask town residents for photos of local wildlife, plants, trees and views. Residents will have to give permission for the use of photos and the deadline to turn in photos will be June 15, 2016.

#### 2) **Right to Farm Brochure** – S. Faulkner has almost completed the brochure.

- 3) **Town Garage** – Commissioners reviewed a letter from the First Selectman to Canton Residents, laying out the history of the town's efforts to build the much needed new Town Garage, and discusses the current plan to build a new garage at the current site. Even though the plan is well developed, Commissioners feel that the new garage will be too small, and that the property is too valuable as recreational river frontage. The feeling is that another site should be found that will meet the current and future needs of the Department of Public Works and Canton. On the first Tuesday in April the Municipal Building Commission will hear presentations of other sites for the Town Garage. The Conservation Commission reviewed other site possibilities. S. Faulkner presented a list of pros and cons for building on the current site, which was reviewed by Commissioners.

**MOTION:** J. Kaplan moved that the Commission write a letter to the BOS with a copy to the Municipal Building Commission stating our reservations regarding the building of the Garage on the current site. Chairman Sarah Faulkner will write the letter. An attachment of the Natural Resources Section of the POCD, which underlines the value of the Farmington River to Collinsville and Canton. M. Flynn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Notebook Development for Commissioners** – The Commission wishes to thank Renee Narducci for her hard work in putting together the notebooks for the new members. But the rest of the Commissioners now would like one too. Sorry Renee! Information to be included:
  - a. POCD
  - b. Implementation Plan
  - c. CT Conservation Guide
  - d. Town Charter
  - e. Meeting Dates
  - f. Phone numbers of Town Planner Neil Pade, Chief Administrative Officer Robert Skinner and Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski
  
- 2) **Staff Report** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.