



APPROVED MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Canton Conservation Commission on August 24, 2016 was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Sarah Faulkner, Jay Kaplan, Hedy Barton, Maureen Flynn, Michael Pendell, William Spatcher, and Cynthia Zdanukas

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 31, 2016 Special Meeting were discussed and amended. Upon motion made by J. Kaplan and seconded by H. Barton, the minutes were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS: S. Faulkner suggested that the Natural Resources Inventory update (an agenda item) to be delayed until the next meeting of the Commission. J. Kaplan stated that the Wildlife Section was made brief intentionally, but he is open to suggestions for adding to it. S. Faulkner reviewed assignments to complete the Inventory and confirmed anticipated dates for rough drafts of the Sections to be completed.

E. Anyzeski gave an update on obtaining photos, indicating that she received approximately two dozen photos. After brief discussion, it was determined that winners of the contest would be chosen and the names would be announced in a press release (that E. Anyzeski will draft). The press release will also announce that the deadline to submit photos will be extended from October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in order that more photos could be gathered.

The Right to Farm brochure was distributed to all members of the Commission. After discussion as to what photos to include and some grammatical and style edits agreed upon, M. Flynn made a motion to accept the brochure, with H. Barton seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously. S. Faulkner will make final changes and get the brochure to E. Anyzeski. S. Faulkner also stated that the next step would be to present it to the Board of Selectmen.

The Town Garage renovation plan was discussed briefly with mention of a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS: 678 and 686 Cherry Brook Road. Issue is with one of two parcels. S. Faulkner will write a letter to the landowners (Graves), with a copy to the engineers, asking for a map to be submitted to the Town for recording on the land records in order to finalize transfer of the parcel to the Town. S. Faulkner also stated she will walk the parcel and put up boundary markers.

Jepsen property, Gracey Road. S. Faulkner and J. Kaplan recused themselves from discussion and left the meeting room. M. Flynn was made acting Chair of the Commission. After a discussion of the issue regarding the parcel of land that was to be dedicated to open space, it determined that a letter should be sent to the Board of Selectmen requesting that they work with the Town Attorney to initiate completion of the conveyance of the parcel to the Town and then conveyance from the Town to the Canton Land Trust.

W. Spatcher made a motion that the Acting Chair, M. Flynn, send said letter. H. Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those members present (not to include recused members). It was determined that the Commission Secretary draft the letter, e-mail it to all Commission members for input and then finalize it, sign it and send.

Once the Gracey Road parcel issue was addressed and closed, J. Kaplan and S. Faulkner were advised they could rejoin the Commission. At 8:55 p.m., S. Faulkner resumed Commission Chair responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the August 24, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Zdanzukas
Secretary