



Draft Minutes

Canton Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016 7:30 p.m.
Community Center, Room B
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting of the Canton Conservation Commission on October 27, 2016 was called to order at 7:47 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Sarah Faulkner, Jay Kaplan, Hedy Barton, Cynthia Zdanzukas

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Maureen Flynn, Michael Pendell, William Spatcher

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 28, 2016 Meeting were reviewed. Upon motion made by J. Kaplan and seconded by H. Barton, the minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Natural Resources Inventory

Commission members reviewed the updated Wildlife section (revisions made by J. Kaplan) which now includes Latin names, pass-thru birds and notation of endangered animals. J. Kaplan indicated that there will probably be a few more changes and he will submit another draft in time for the November meeting. E. Anyzeski stated that she will format the Wildlife section to mirror the Soils section, once the final version is submitted. It was decided that fish would be included in Wildlife section, as opposed to Aquatic Resources section.

S. Faulkner noted that the Geology section is still pending.

H. Barton stated that the Scenic Resources section is still pending. E. Anyzeski stated that she has been looking into scenic roads to add to that section and gave a map she developed to H. Barton. J. Kaplan suggested that abandoned roads might be added, as well. After some discussion, it was determined that under the Scenic Resources section, scenic roads not already designated as such, should be listed and then Scenic Road designation should be sought.

The Weather section has been reassigned to C. Zdanzukas.

S. Faulkner suggested that in the Plants section, not all plants need to be included, just a list of typical species. J. Kaplan will put together a draft (in the next few months) of plants, using a representative sample.

In discussing the Historic Resources section, it was noted that Norfolk's Inventory includes churches, schools and industries and Commission members were undecided as to whether these should be included in the Canton Inventory. Discussion of this section led to the decision that the Commission request input and assistance from the Collinsville Historic District Commission, the Canton Center Historic District Commissions and the Canton Historical Society in developing the Historic Resources section. C. Zdanzukas will draft a letter for review by the Commission, prior to finalizing and mailing.

The meeting attendees discussed the Photo Contest winners, with plans announced to put the winning photos up on social media; H. Barton will post to Facebook, E. Anyzeski will put them on the Town of Canton website and they will also be added to the Canton Land Trust's Facebook page.

The Right to Farm brochure has been reviewed by the Town Planner and he has signed off on it. S. Faulkner will now submit it to the Board of Selectmen.

The letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the transfer of ownership of the Jepsen property will be amended to reflect that due to M. Flynn's pending resignation from the Commission, H. Barton will be the signatory. E. Anyzeski will make the change and have the letter ready for H. Barton's signature and then mailing.

One Town of Canton ethics form is outstanding to the Town, from M. Pendell.

The Commission 2017 meeting schedule was approved, upon J. Kaplan's motion for approval and H. Barton's second to the motion.

The Annual Report draft was read to the meeting attendees by H. Barton and upon motion made by C. Zdanzukas and seconded by H. Barton, it was decided unanimously to revise the wording of the Report to include the pertinent citation from the Connecticut General Statutes and list some of the past year's accomplishments of the Commission. S. Faulkner will make the revisions and submit to E. Anyzeski by October 28, 2016.

J. Kaplan announced two open space DEEP grants and asked that the information be passed along to any interested landowners the Commission members might know.

J. Kaplan mentioned a brochure that he obtained in Granby recently, which includes open artist studios and farms in town. He shared with Commission members that this might be something Canton could put together as well.

OTHER BUSINESS: Staff Report

E. Anyzeski reported that at the November meeting, the Commission's budget will be reviewed and discussed; she will bring expenditure information to assist in preparing the budget.

Upon motion made by J. Kaplan and seconded by H. Barton, the October 27, 2016 Conservation Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Zdanzukas

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Secretary