

DRAFT MINUTES
Canton Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
November 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Community Center
40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting of the Canton Conservation Commission on November 21, 2016 was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Sarah Faulkner, Hedy Barton, Jay Kaplan, Michael Pendell, William Spatcher, Cynthia Zdanzukas

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Maureen Flynn

APPROVAL OF 10/27/16 MINUTES: The minutes of the October 27, 2016 special meeting were reviewed. The following change was made: Instead of “J. Kaplan announced two open space DEEP grants...”, the minutes should read “J. Kaplan announced another round of DEEP grants...” Upon motion made to accept the revised minutes (by H. Barton), with second from J. Kaplan, the motion passed. W. Spatcher and M. Pendell abstained from voting.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY UPDATE

Commission members discussed the progress of the inventory. Terminology was debated (i.e., plantscape, flora, vegetation) as was the inclusion of moths. J. Kaplan indicated that there were over one thousand types of moths to be found in Canton and H. Barton suggested wording be added to highlight the inclusion of a selection of notable moths. The Wildlife section will be fine-tuned by J. Kaplan and will be available for December’s meeting.

The placement of Chapter 8 was discussed and it was decided by mutual agreement to have the order be: Chapter 5, Aquatic; Chapter 6, Plantlife; Chapter 7, Wildlife; Chapter 8, Scenic; Chapter 9, Historic; Chapter 10, Open Space and Chapter 11, Areas of Ecological Importance.

W. Spatcher suggested including an historical perspective to the inventory paying homage to those resources that are gone from Canton, things that are lost.

RIGHT TO FARM BROCHURE

S. Faulkner indicated that she will have the Right to Farm brochure added to the next Board of Selectmen’s agenda for their review and approval.

MARTINELLI LETTER

The concern is that the property left to the Canton Land Trust hasn’t been deeded over. J. Kaplan asked why the Commission would be responsible for this. It was agreed to that it is a function of the Land Use Officer and S. Faulkner indicated that she will contact Planning Staff to ask that the Land Use Officer to see that the land transfer gets done.

JEPSEN LETTER

H. Barton indicated that she spoke with E. Anyzeski about getting the letter finalized for her signature. There has been a delay in gathering all the attachments that need to go with the letter. S. Faulkner said that she would follow up with E. Anyzeski to get the letter finished for H. Barton to sign and then send.

ANNUAL REPORT

Finalized by S. Faulkner and copy distributed to all Commission members.

NEXT MEETING

Set for December 21, 2016.

OPEN STUDIO/FARMS BROCHURE

J. Kaplan outlined the Granby brochure for Commission members and said that he has received some interest in producing the same type of brochure for Canton (from the Canton Land Trust and the Gallery on the Green). A copy of the Granby brochure will be provided for Commission members to review and discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS

W. Spatcher noted that 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the Canton Conservation Commission.

S. Faulkner mentioned the possibility of the Commission completing an open space grant application in the future.

S. Faulkner read a letter from CAO Skinner regarding the Commission's work on the POCD (reminder of the Commission's work). S. Faulkner indicated that this will be put on the January, 2017 agenda for discussion and action.

A motion was made to adjourn the November 21, 2016 special meeting by J. Kaplan, seconded by H. Barton and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary