

Conservation Commission
Sherman, Connecticut

January 25, 2012

The Conservation Commission Meeting was called to order a 7:06 PM on January 25, 2012.

Present: Joe Keneally, Chairman, Ashleigh Blake, Pat Bailey, Arthur Crane, Karen Facey,
Joanna Wozniak, Linda Yannone, Helen Bray, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 14, 2011 were tabled until the commissioners present at the 12/14/11 meeting are available at a meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW OFFICERS

Joe nominated Linda Yannone for Chairman of the Conservation Commission, seconded by Art. Linda accepted and motion passed unanimously.

Joe nominated Joanna to be Vice-chairman, seconded by Linda. Joanna accepted and the motion was passed unanimously.

Joe nominated Colette to remain as Secretary, seconded by Pat and the motion was passed unanimously.

REPORT ON CACIWC CONFERENCE

Joanna attended a CACIWC conference back in November and reported on it commenting that it was a good showing with vendors and books. There were various workshops and Joanna attended one about conservation commissions and how they should be taken more seriously by the wetlands and planning & zoning commissions. This appears to be a problem not unique to Sherman.

There was someone there that was on the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission and spoke about the town wide fair that was held there with people from the state coming and talks on energy saving. It really helped to get the word out about the conservation commission and a conservation going between conservation and wetlands. Joe suggested this commission have a fair in the spring.

Also, it is important for the CC to form a strong alliance with the Land Acquisition Board, that way the CC has a lot more impact on decision making to prioritize sites and CC should have more presence at the zoning meetings.

Low impact development was discussed recommending the use of certain soil groups. The commission discussed the use of pervious concrete since it was proposed for the library parking lot, but it is very expensive to put in and expensive to maintain.

ENERGY TASK FORCE

Joe, Art and Frank Spaziani were at the school on the previous Wednesday, the 18th, to look into the high energy bills, especially curious as to why the electric bills in the summer are high. Tony Mitchell was invited, and he was waiting for Joe, Art and Frank at the town hall and never got together with them. Linda would like to walk through the school and Joe suggested she call Tony and Frank and Joe will join them for another walk through.

MEETING DATES

Linda suggested moving the meeting date to the third Wednesday of the month. Linda is committed to the community cinema for the library which can be changed easier than expecting to change the schedules for the CC for the entire year since these dates are recorded with the state. Colette has a commitment to Land Acquisition on the third Wednesday. Joe will speak to the library about having the cinema night changed to the third Wednesday and the CC will continue to hold their meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. The next scheduled meeting will be on February 8, 2012.

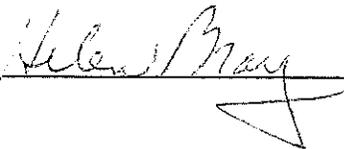
BUDGET

The budget for the CC should be presented to the commission at the next meeting, February 8th, for commission approval before it is sent to the Board of Selectmen.

There being no further business Joe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ashleigh and so moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Bray, Clerk
Conservation Commission