

Conservation Commission
Sherman, Connecticut



March 14, 2012

The **Conservation Commission Meeting** was called to order at 7:15 PM on March 14, 2012.

Present: Linda Yannone, Chairman, Pat Bailey, Arthur Crane, Geoff Gwyther, Joanna Wozniak,
Helen Bray, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes was postponed to next month's meeting.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY GREEN ENERGY EVENT

Linda attended the Fairfield County Green Energy event in Ridgefield on March 1, 2012. It was very informative and Linda learned how other towns have set up green energy task forces. Linda gave out a list of contacts that should be helpful for Sherman to get started on their Clean Energy Task Force. This was not limited to conservation commissions but all people within the towns in Fairfield County

Linda wants to start working on a task force for Sherman and since it has been impossible to interest anyone in town the CC will have to appoint some commissioners to the task force.

JOE KENEALLY PARTY

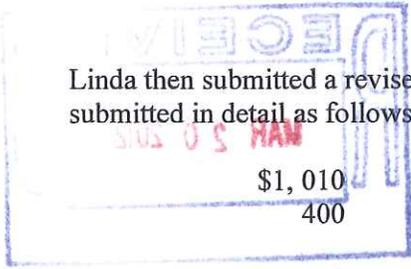
Linda wanted to set a date for the party for Joe probably sometime in the early part of April.

CINEMA

There will be a film on electric cars with speaker Art Crane. The name of the film is *Death of the Electric Car*. It will be shown on March 28th at the Senior Center. There will be a discussion following the showing.

REVISED BUDGET

At the February 8, 2012 CC meeting the budget for the fiscal year July 2012 through June 2013 was approved by the commissioners in the amount of \$1750.



Linda then submitted a revised budget to the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$2,400. As requested, it was submitted in detail as follows:

\$1,010	fee for Helen Bray
400	for commissioners toward a conservation/land use related educational conference.
200	adds for publicity, newspapers
500	native tree seedlings 500 @\$1.00 each
200	printing for leaflets for energy conservation fair
90	volunteer appreciation party for Joe Keneally
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Total	\$2,400

Art made a motion to approve the revised budget in the amount of \$2,400, seconded by Joanna and so moved.

LAND CONSERVATION

Joanna mentioned that the state has come up with grants for land conservation and requested this be put on the agenda for next month. The grants would also involve the Land acquisition Board.

MUNCH MEADOW

Jeff wondered if the grant money above would cover doing something with Munch Meadow. He commented that driving by Munch Meadow it looks like a real mess and something should be done since it is seen when driving into town. Falling trees, garbage and a fallen stone wall. He would like to start clean up from the road working towards the back of the lot. Geoff has had people that are basically out of work call him to ask if he had anything so he thought having them volunteer sometime at Munch Meadow and have the papers give it some coverage. It was suggested to have a clean up event on Earth Day, April 22nd.

Linda will set up a meeting with the First Selectman and some commissioners to propose having the town crew help clean up. Linda will report back.

Art mentioned that the state plans to reconfigure the roads at he traffic light.

ENERGY FAIR

A date has been set for the fair on September 15, 2012.

OPEN SPACE

Pat wanted to know more about open space, such as what is or is not available. Joanna thought that it was a coalition with Naromi, Land Acquisition and Conservation Commission. Linda suggested putting this on the agenda for next month since Colette is on the Land Acquisition Board and would probably have more information.

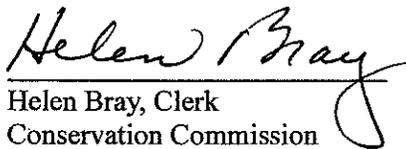
Pat also handed out an article from the *New York Times* about feral pigs (wild boars) that are becoming a problem in New York State. They are in the Champlain Valley which is close to the Connecticut border and they are a real problem for farmers.

There being no further business Joanna made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat and so moved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON APRIL 11, 2012

Respectfully submitted,


Helen Bray, Clerk
Conservation Commission