

Conservation Commission
Sherman, Connecticut



September 12, 2012

The Conservation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM on September 12, 2012.

Present: Linda Yannone, Chairman, Geoff Gwyther, Colette Shulman, Joanna Wozniak,
Helen Bray, Clerk

Guest: Carol Faure

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes approved.

SENIOR HOUSING

Colette reported on the senior housing, first saying that there were no restrictions on the land. The next step is to form an NGO 501C3 and make an agreement with the town to lease the land which would then open the way to do testing. The Housing Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 17th at 6 PM at the Old Town Hall.

According to Carol Faure the housing forum that was held back in June was loaded with misinformation. Colette feels that senior housing will not go to referendum until the land is tested and approved.

MUNCH MEADOW

Geoff wrote a proposal that he went over about doing work at Munch Meadow. Geoff has felt this property should be left as open space. Two companies came to Geoff about work, but the work was never done. Geoff had planned on going to the selectmen's meeting with his proposal and would still like to go, also to Wetlands in order to be ready for next spring if given the go ahead.

Particular concern is the stone wall, 4 feet high x 4 feet wide. This should be cleared of growth so it can be seen.

Linda will forward a copy of the proposal to everyone and Geoff will go to the next selectmen's meeting. Joanna is making copies of his photos for the commissioners.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Art and Karen brought this issue to the school and the only response was that they wanted to work on it. The money has not been returned to Iroquois so it is just a matter of getting started.

Joanna suggested Carol mention at the end of her article that if anyone is interested in any CC issues to contact the commission.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

The Planning & Zoning Commission is having a Public Hearing at their next meeting on September 20th. Carol mentioned the POCD will be handled by P & Z and will not go to a town meeting, it will be voted on by P & Z. The PH could take several meetings before a vote is taken.

Colette had some concerns. One item she focused on was septic tanks, she feels the text and narrative does not flow smoothly, it reads like different pieces were drafted by different people. She felt to inform people in the town, other than commission people, and other involved individuals, there should be a more readable document and it should be put on the town website for everyone in town to read.

Colette objected to the word *development* being used, and felt it was more important to concentrate on preserving the natural resources in town

There being no further business Colette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joanna and so moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 10, 2012

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Bray, Clerk
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