

Conservation Commission
Sherman, Connecticut



March 13, 2013

The Conservation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM on March 13, 2013.

Present: Joanna Wozniak, Chairman, Pat Bailey, Karen Facey, Geoff Gwyther, Colette Shulman,
Helen Bray, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Victoria Taft had left maps of Happy Acres for the commission. Joanna thought it best to wait until Andrea talks with Tony H. before the CC has discussions about the future of Happy Acres.

The latest edition of *The Habitat* was distributed. The Annual Connecticut Land Conservation Conference will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at Wesleyan University, Middletown, with a reception at 5 PM.

Letter from Aquarion Water Company to announce sponsoring the Acquarian Environmental Champion Awards program which will take place on June 8th at the Connecticut Beardsley Zoo,

PROJECTS

Joanna suggested each commissioner choose a project to work on.

BUDGET

Pat attended the budget meeting on Saturday, March 2nd and feels they will approve the CC budget. There was talk about the Northwest Conservation District (NCD) possibly getting involved with the property where senior housing will be located. Therefore, NCD should remain in the budget to be approved.

CLASSES

Pat attended a meeting called Clear Pool Forest Education Program which is supported by the New York State Watershed Council. They have classes such as identifying invasive species, wildlife management, DEP wetlands presentation, tree identification, vernal ponds, and amphibians. Pat is planning to attend some classes.

LAND

Colette spoke to David (Rizzo's) about the property on the Connecticut/New York State border, the Merit property, and someone that is interested in buying this property will be coming to speak to Naromi.

EVENTS

Colette had planned to get together with Victoria to work on energy in the town and plan on an energy event. Colette feels she cannot do it alone and Joanna stated that Victoria decided not to join the commission.

An energy event will need knowledgeable people to speak about solar panels and other energy saving products. Kate McConaghy has been willing to speak to the commission about her solar panels on the roof of her house. The commission is looking for other residents that have installed solar panels. There are companies that lease panels. There is also geothermal. There is small business energy advantage. Past events have been successful. A place to hold this event was discussed. Joanna will check the cost to use the JCC. A date will have to be determined and it will take time to put this all together. Decisions should be made by the next meeting. There is a problem with the limited amount of commissioners to do the work, and Geoff will be getting busy with his own business come spring.

MUNCH MEADOW

Work has stopped for now and will resume in the spring. An event at Munch Meadow was discussed positively. Geoff wrote a two page report on what should be done on Munch Meadow. He gave the commission copies which is titled *Munch Meadow Reclamation as proposed by the Sherman Conservation Commission*.

TRAILS

Karen poke about walking the trails in town with or without Naromi.

FARM TOUR

The very successful farm tour of the past was suggested to do again with a picnic at Babbling Brook Farm. This was done along with Naromi.

PUBLICITY

It was suggested to have a Facebook page to get out information about the CC.

Also, having a column in the paper with each commissioner doing a topic. Geoff has been considering writing up Munch Meadow.

The big event might be put off until next year, hopefully having more members on the commission. Movies were also suggested and getting involved with the library book discussions.

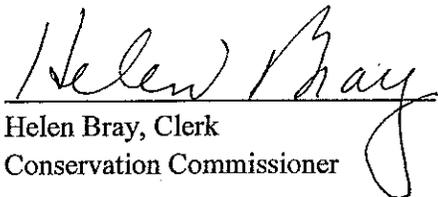
Karen reported the garden at the school is coming along.

The commission is now short three commissioners and something should be done to make this known to the public, such as a notice in the paper. The Republican and Democratic Town Committees should also be notified.

There being no further business Joanna made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Geoff and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON APRIL 10, 2013

Respectfully submitted,


Helen Bray, Clerk
Conservation Commissioner