

Conservation Commission

Minutes: June 27, 2005

Windsor Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Barnaby, Davis, Dolliver, Harvey, Hinckley, Rogovich, Yeich; ex officio: Parker

May 31, 2005 minutes were accepted as read.

Fay Clarke Johnson resigned from the commission.

New Business

Website:

Blaise will connect Sam with the town IT person, Mr. Angelillo, to coordinate linkages to the town website and other conservation materials. He will ask about recording the number of hits the site gets. One of the pages could be dedicated to how conservation can coexist with development. Ford studied this concept and refers to it as sustainable development. He will supply us with reading materials at the next meeting in September. The commission can also link to articles pursuant to preservation on their website.

Advisory Board

Frank wanted opinions from the group on whether putting an Advisory Board together would be feasible. After discussion, it was determined that the commission could accomplish the same thing. He suggested that we each study the Plan of Development this summer and come back with an area of interest on which to focus. Depending on the area, we could invite guests with expertise in that particular area to speak.

The focus groups could define what we want from town experts; determine number of man hours to accomplish tasks and then assess the feasibility of implementation. The commission strongly supports trying to recreate the master map which defined specific open space areas. This was completed and inadvertently lost on the database. Our next step would be to identify and target areas for preservation.

- An area which needs to be researched and developed is grant writing. Ford graciously volunteered to present a grant writing workshop – will be placed on the September agenda.
- Terry Langevin will draft a letter to Alstom on Day Hill Road to request that a 300 yd. width strip of property along the Farmington be donated to the town.
- Mike Davis urged every member to bone up on the Plan of Conservation and Development this summer. He recommended that we develop an action plan for implementation of the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Members were encouraged to support the Land Bill before the legislature.
- Dick continues to make contact with the Poquonock Avenue Associates; he supplied them with a map showing the commission's area of interest. He is trying to get a

read as to whether the association supports an easement on the Chateau Woods property (approximately 5 acres).

- Meg will continue her research regarding options for land donations.
- Meg asked how town determines whether land is undevelopable.
- Sam will approach Dan Ferraina to see if he is interested in selling development rights for property abutting to Northwest Park.

The meeting was adjourned @ 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for September 27th.

No meetings are scheduled for July and August.