Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2006

Present: Chairman Davis, A. Beaudin, D. Davis, S. Hinckley, F. Parker, S. Smith, B. Rogovich, C. Yeich

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes from October were approved unanimously.

New Business
Commissioner Beaudin reported on the 29th Annual CACIWC Conference attended on November 4, 2006. She distributed a fact sheet to members.

Highlights:
• New requirements in place for protection of public water supply sources. (Bill # 313; Public act # 06-53) This law requires that applicants take the additional step of filing their site plans with the CT Department of Public Health.
• Much concern regarding the Atlantic beltline, which is losing 55 acres of trees daily.
• New open space law protects (but not limited to) parks, forests, wildlife management areas, refuges, preserves, sanctuaries, and green or wildlife areas owned by state municipalities, non-profit land organizations, and land or easement holders. Allows for consequential action taken against anyone who breaches law.

Chairman Davis announced several resignations and welcomed David Davis as a permanent member and Richard Knickerbocker as a Republican alternate.

Windsor Land Trust
Working on:
• acquiring properties
• their first newsletter
• producing a WIN TV Land Trust Program

Have been in contact with farm owner on 450 Dudleytown Road and she is definitely interested in preserving the farm.

Old Business
Chairman Frank's report:

• Had a conversation with town manager Souza regarding moving monies from Open Space fund to Land Trust coffers as well as requesting $2,000 from general fund be placed in Land Trust account for operational expenses.
• Peter is required to get approval from TC for spending on CC brochure. He will be provided with a copy of the brochure in order to move forward.

• Contacted the CT Farmland Trust and discovered that monies are available to help us ID properties worth saving.
• 3 Rod Rd property has an additional four acres, which is adjacent to Matianuck State Park. If annexed to the park by the state, town will not be responsible for environmental issues should contamination be a problem.
• Within the first quarter of '07, one of Chairman Davis' goals is to create a Windsor map indicating areas to preserve and acquire.

Colette – distributed brochures from Essex Land Trust for ideas.

- read letter drafted to town officials regarding excessive litter on roadsides. It was suggested that more research be done on present litter laws prior to sending letter. Ann adopted the project.
- Encouraged group to seriously look into creation of themed CT license plates. She will find out details for next meeting.

Sam – spoke on creating a trail adjacent to Amtrak line, stretching from Windsor train station to the Bissell Bridge. Blaise will track down contact person.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.