

Conservation Commission Minutes  
February 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: F. Davis, Harvey, Hinckley, Knickerbocker, Yeich

- Minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

- Land Trust Sam and Frank gave an overview and update on possible land acquisitions and transfers.

Meg inquired as to whether there was a minimum acreage rule. Frank will investigate.

Sam shared his priority list of properties he'd like to see retained in their present state.

- FRWA Farmington River Feasibility Study- two candidates from Windsor will be accepted. Frank and Meg (as an alternate for Frank) have already expressed interest. Final selections will be made by the town potentates.

- Open Space Fund - \$74,000 should be added to the account in the near future (fee in lieu of open space dollars)

Town Manager again stressed the need for strategic plan in order to acquire properties.

Greenways, wildlife corridors, farmland, contiguous areas are among the considerations.

The town survey indicated that open space is a community priority.

Old Business

- Colette emphasized the need for a map outlining open spaces and showing those wished to be preserved in perpetuity. This would become a visual prop and added value when presenting our vision to the community. Volunteered to enlarge town map and distribute to CC members to replicate the land survey that we did several years ago and was lost on computer.

Round Table

- License plates - Frank did not have an opportunity to speak with DEP, however, will do so this month.

- Richard will invite Chris Weichert from Loomis to the March meeting to discuss a possible right of way on Loomis property for a trail.

- Meg will refine her survey comments and submit to Journal, Reminder and Courant for publication.
- It was suggested that Sam's letter (which was sent to selective land owners) be mailed to all appropriate land owners.
- Sam - Nature Conservancy is holding a Face of Connecticut campaign meeting. Basically, this legislation would provide for funding for open space and other related action. Bold initiatives on how to meet accreditation standards will be addressed and is of interest to the land trust.
- Ann's letter to Jim Burke was discussed. It was decided to send a thank you and to also ask for answers to those questions that were addressed and those not answered satisfactorily.
- Earth day is Saturday, April 21. We are considering a booth @ Northwest Park shared with the Land Trust and FRWA. Colette agreed to (wo)man the booth.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:50 p.m.