

Conservation Commission Minutes

March 27, 2007

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

Present: F. Davis, Hinckley, Knickerbocker, D. Davis, Parker, Rogovich and new member Jason Seacat.

- Minutes of the February 28 meeting were unanimously approved.

Frank introduced our new alternate member Jason Seacat.

New Business

- Our guest at the meeting, Chris Wejchert, the CFO at Loomis Chaffee, was introduced. Chris gave an overview of the Loomis campus today and some history. Loomis covers about 300 acres and there are only about 3 build-able sites remaining. 100 acres are rented out to a farmer. In 1993 their Board discussed trails crossing the property. There are both aesthetic and security concerns surrounding the issue of trails. In 1999 they met with Joe Marfuggi of Riverfront Recapture and again discussed the issue. The Board is opposed to building "infrastructure" along the river. Chris indicated that they may be open to a trail on the west side of the property and that "when Riverfront Recapture decides to come north with trails, they want to be part of the dialogue". He also mentioned that the MDC, which is heavily involved with Riverfront Recapture, has an easement on the west side of campus which runs 30-40 yards off the railroad tracks.

Old Business

- Frank is reporting to the Town Council on 4/3. He will attempt to explain the various roles of both the Conservation Commission and the Windsor Land Trust. He will also talk about highlights of the last year for the WCC.
- Frank reported that he has again talked to the DPW about the 3 Rod Road properties. It looks like they may transfer them to the DEP to become part of Matianuck State Park without too much involvement of the Commission.
- Frank indicated that one representative from Windsor has reportedly been selected for the Wild and Scenic study of the Farmington River. It is apparently someone from the

Windsor Historical Society. Perhaps the second representative will be either Frank or Meg.

- Ford discussed the quote for the brochures that Ann had obtained. Since it is less than the pre-approved sum of \$700 for 1000 brochures Ford was authorized to go ahead and initiate the purchase order.
- Earth Day at NW Park - It runs from 10-3 on April 21. The Conservation Commission and Windsor Land Trust will share a table. Richard and Jason plan to be there in the morning. Frank, after having caught his Opening Day limit of trout, and Dave will attend in the afternoon.

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

- I think some of this was reported above under Old Business.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:05 p.m.

Submitted, in place of the deeply missed Colette Yeich

S.T. Hinckley