

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2007**

PRESENT

Knickerbocker, Seacat, Hinckley, F. Davis, D. Davis, Parker, Yeich

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:30

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The new Plan of Conservation and Development was presented to the TP&Z, and after a thorough review, will go to a public hearing and vote in December. Comments are being solicited and are due by Nov 10th. Frank urged members to review and comment. Frank reported that there is a proposal to change zoning from Ag. to Active Adult Subdivision (55+).

The commission will actively engage in producing an open space map. Each member was assigned a specific section of town and is charged with surveying that area. The following categories will be used to designate topography:

- Dedicated open space
- Actively farmed
- Wetlands
- Undeveloped/underdeveloped
- Vacant Lot
- Managed Open space (could be sold)
- Recreation/Community
- Floodplain
- Public Property

A detailed description of land should be added – i.e., riparian, steep slope, swamp, herbaceous plant community, etc. Ford will send us a descriptive list.

Colette will enlarge sections of the Windsor map for distribution. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by January '08.

LAND TRUST UPDATE

The Land trust has banked \$3,000. They are in the process of planning a membership drive and a new newsletter which will include an introduction to the Plan of Conservation and Development, Land Trust accomplishments and more. Property review followed.

Meg, Frank and Jason are scheduled to attend the Wild and Scenic Study meeting on Nov. 19.

OPEN SPACE FUND

3-Rod Road is solidifying with help from the DOT and the Department of Public Works. The Windsor Open Space fund now has \$90,000 with the additional \$400,000 voted by the Town Council on Oct 1st.

ROUND TABLE

Ann's article regarding the increased traffic issues on Poquonock Ave was published in the Windsor Journal.

Dave: will invite Rick Orluk, President of the Granby Land Trust, to meet with us at a future CC meeting.

Ann: emphasized that we need to "market the message" regarding preservation and proposed to accomplish this through a series of newspaper columns via the JI and the Reminder. She suggested that we each take turns writing.

Ford: invited all to an open house meeting at the Caring Connection on Nov. 15th. On May 15th, 2008, Northwest Park will host an "Environathon." It is anticipated that 300-400 students will compete in this contest. The theme is Recreational Impact on the Environment and Open Space.

Sam: will outline objectives in preserving open space using a copy of the Conservation Easement Handbook as a guide.

Jason: A professor at New England College will be heading a survey on conservation psychology entitled "Environmental Attitudes and Behaviors." He is planning to use Windsor residents in the 5,000 households to be surveyed.

Colette is concerned with the litter/trash on major and secondary streets. It was felt that better signage and enforcement needs to be in place. A letter will be drafted to Paul Norris, Director of Leisure Services and cc to Cyd Groff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.