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**WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX - MEETING ROOM "A"**

**PRESENT: Commissioners: Dave Hapke, Nick Lee, Patrice Gillespie,  
Kate Throckmorton and Kristen Begor**

**NOT PRESENT: Kim Young and Christopher Coyle (Noticed of absence)**

**ALSO**

**PRESENT: Karen DeSantis, Administrative Secretary**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Begor called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

**II. INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS – None**

**III. PLANNING and ZONING REFFERALS – None**

**IV. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**1. Parks - All**

Nick Lee reported that the clearing project is underway at Quarry Head and Harrison Smith Preserve. He stated that the neighbors are funding it and it is being handled by the Land Trust.

**2. Open Space Preservation – Sesto**

Ms. Sesto was not present to report but Mr. Lee reported that there had been three acres on Forest Road had been donated to the Wilton Land Trust by a developer.

**3. Plan of Conservation and Development – Throckmorton**

Ms. Throckmorton reported that at the last meeting Planning and Zoning reviewed the results from the phone survey preformed and it was felt that the public support for open space was still there. She continued to say that the next scheduled public information meeting with be in May.

Chairman Begor reported that she had had a meeting with the some members of the Energy Commission and the Commission plans to submit some input to Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Throckmorton suggested that the information be submitted prior to the May public information meeting.

#### 4. Center Tree Plan – Sesto, Lee, Throckmorton

Ms. Throckmorton stated that focus has been on the preparation of the Norwalk/Wilton Tree festival that will be at Cranberry Park in May.

Mr. Lee mentioned tying in with the Arbor Day celebration at the library and commented that there will be quite a few trees planted this spring.

#### 5. Recycling – Begor, Hapke

Mr. Hapke updated the Commission on the progress with the transfer station. He stated that meetings have taken place with the selectmen and that the transfer station will be reconfigured to accommodate a new recycling center. The goal is to create a set up whereby there will be no charge or tickets for recycling. He stated that the program shall start no later than July 1 and there will be new signage and a revised traffic patterns. The contract for recyclables is under negotiation and it is anticipated that the recycling center will accept electronics, CFL's, and plastics numbered to 1 – 7. He stated that the theme is reduce, reuse, and recycle.

A discussion ensued concerning more detail on ways to track the waste.

#### 6. River Walk – Hapke, Coyle

Mr. Hapke stated that there was nothing new to report.

#### 7. Work with other Commissions/Committees a. Parks and Rec./Allen's Meadows – Young

Kim Young was not present to comment.

#### b. Energy Commission

Previously discussed.

Ms. Begor added that the Energy Commission has expressed an interest in forming a group similar to a group that has been formed in Westport, Green Village Initiative. The group would consist of other commissions, committees and clubs in town. She suggested teaming up with neighboring towns also.

#### 8. Regional Projects

#### a. Deer Management – Sesto

Ms. Sesto was not available to comment

#### b. Water Quality & Quantity – Gillespie

Ms. Gillespie updated the Commission on the report that was recently released on the Norwalk River which was not very positive. She suggested a short summary be included in the Spring Newsletter.

#### 9. Website – Gillespie

No new information.

## 10. Donations

No new information

## 11. Other

Ms. Gillespie asked the Commission if a decision could be made concerning an endorsement for the Coalition for the CT fund for the Environment.

A discussion ensued.

It was determined that Ms. Gillespie would request literature or a letter listing the items that the Commission would be endorsing.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Spring Newsletter

The Commission agreed to submit articles on the following subjects; transfer station (Hapke), recycling Q&A (Begor and Hapke), greenhouse gas emissions (Gillespie), Tree Festival (Sesto), with electronics recycling and a Quarry Head profile as room allows, which had been agreed to at the last scheduled meeting and the deadline for the articles was determined to be March 20, 2009.

## VI. LIASON REPORT

Ms. Throckmorton reported the applications reviewed at the Planning and Zoning meetings.

## VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Sesto was not available.

## VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/4/09

Dave Hapke MOTIONED to approve the minute of 2/4/09 seconded by Nick Lee and carried 4-0-1, Ms. Throckmorton abstained.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Begor MOTIONED to adjourn, seconded by Nick Lee and carried 5-0-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen DeSantis  
Recording Secretary