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WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - MEETING ROOM "A"

PRESENT: Commissioners: Kate Throckmorton, Kristen Begor, Dave Hapke, Nick Lee, Kim Young and Christopher Coyle,

NOT PRESENT: Patrice Gillespie (Noticed of absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Karen DeSantis, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Begor called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

II. INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS – None

III. PLANNING and ZONING REFFERALS – None

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Parks - All

Nick Lee reported the status of the work being done at Quarry Head and Harrison Smith Preserve. He stated that the vistas are much improved and trails will be more accessible.

Kate Throckmorton reported that the granite bench for Quarry Head is in process through Land Trust.

2. Open Space Preservation – Sesto

Ms. Sesto was not present to report.

3. Plan of Conservation and Development – Throckmorton

Ms. Throckmorton reported that there have been two meetings since the last report and that they are winding up and there will be a public hearing on May 1st.

Ms. Throckmorton stated there was a portion of the Energy Commission entry that is being considered to be cut. She suggested that the Commissioners consider reviewing the draft and comment prior to the public hearing and she offered to forward what ever information she may have before that meeting.

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

4. Center Tree Plan – Sesto, Lee, Throckmorton

Mr. Lee and Ms. Throckmorton listed the trees scheduled to be planted the week of April 13th, prior to the ceremony honoring Pat Sesto.

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 that will include CFL's, florescent bulbs and electronics and Bill Brennan has made this project a priority and still plans to meet the deadline of July 1st. He stated that the use of stickers and tickets are being reviewed.

5. River Walk – Hapke, Coyle

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

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

Kim Young reported that the funding will not be available as previously thought for the cleanup at Merwin Meadows but Parks and Rec. will do some cleaning up of pathways and swampy areas and they have blocked the area to prevent future dumping of debris.

b. Energy Commission

Ms. Begor reported that a series of collaborative articles by the Energy Commission and Conservation Commission will be prepared and published in the local papers over the next several months.

7. Regional Projects

a. Deer Management – Sesto

Ms. Sesto was not available to comment

b. Water Quality & Quantity – Gillespie

Ms. Begor stated that she submitted a short review of the test results for the newsletter.

8. Website – Gillespie

Ms. Begor reported that Ms. Gillespie hopes to post some new natural/organic lawn care practices on the website.

9. Donations

No new information

10. Spring Newsletter

Karen DeSantis reported that the articles had been received and a draft is in process.

Townwide Cleanup Day

Ms. DeSantis reported that the date is scheduled for April 24th and that Mike Conklin is asking for volunteers and suggested contacting him if available.

Ms. Begor added that Stefano's Restaurant will donate pizza slices again and that a photo with the owner would be planned for publicity.

The Commission asked Ms. Begor to be in the photo and to contact Mike Conklin to arrange the date and time.

11. Goose Oiling

Ms. DeSantis reported that 59 responses had been received from the mailing to the property owners on ponds and they were all positive. She added that Mike Conklin plans to start the oiling project next week.

12. Other

Ms. Begor announced that Mr. Brennan signed the ICLEI climate change resolution and plans to solicit town-wide support for cutting greenhouse gas emission and she asked that if possible to include a statement in the newsletter.

Ms. Begor reported Woodcock Nature Center will sponsor a variety of activities from April 20th through April 26th.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. LIASON REPORT

Ms. Young submitted a report to the Commission and stated that not much is being reviewed at this time.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Sesto was not available.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/4/09

Dave Hapke MOTIONED to approve the minute of 2/4/09 seconded by Kristen Begor and carried 6-0-0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Begor MOTIONED to adjourn, seconded by Nick Lee and carried 6-0-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen DeSantis
Recording Secretary