



# TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Conservation Commission

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## ROXBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 10, 2016 MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Gary Steinman, Vice Chair Cecelia Santillo, Secretary Cathy Masi, Ron Faanes, Trudy Swenson and Timothy Flanagan.

Members Absent: Joni Weller and Russ Pribanic.

### GUESTS

None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Cecelia Santillo and seconded by Trudy Swenson to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular meeting. Motion was approved by all members who were present at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Email correspondence forwarded upon receipt.

Municipal Energy Summit Thursday, September 22 8 AM to 1 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell.

Registration fee of \$65.00 will be handled by the Conservation Commission.

### REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

#### Chair's Report

None.

#### Commission Summaries

Ron Faanes regularly reviews the minutes of other Town Commission minutes and distributed highlights. The summary review highlighted a neighbor's complaint of the Montessi property on Garnet Road.

#### The Clean Energy Task Force

Timothy Flanagan reported no updates.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Joey's Trail

Trudy Swenson attended the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting at which the plans for Joey's Trail were approved. Trudy has received an estimate from the Home Depot of \$720 for the decking portion of the boardwalk crossings. Supporting posts for the boardwalks will most likely be composite material chosen for longevity. Railings will be of rope passing through drilled posts. The fund has approximately \$2400 for materials with the labor being donated. Kim Baron, Treasurer will disperse monies appropriately as authorized by Barbara Henry. The building code will define required spans and necessary supports. Laurie Lenahan is still willing to donate mulch and processed stone will also be donated.

#### River Monitoring 2016 Activities

Tabled.

#### Recycling

Tabled.

### Composting

Gary Steinman said that at some point, the Conservation Commission hopes to develop a booklet for home composting.

### Student-oriented activities

Cecelia Santillo reported that Christine Harding and Lil Murphy have an email list of potential student volunteers. Cecelia developed a message for the students telling of the varied activities and achievements of the Conservation Commission along with an invitation to join in for something of interest to them.

### Control of Conservation Commission Equipment

Conservation Commission equipment and Commission member's personal property have been borrowed without permission causing extra effort on the part of commission members to locate and retrieve the items when needed for commission events. It was decided to label items as property of the Roxbury Conservation Commission and to post a notice stating that permission must be obtained with instructions for same before taking equipment and that equipment is to be returned in the same condition and to the same location and notice given of the return. More specifics to be discussed at the next meeting.

### Fall Town Wants To Know Program

Ron Faanes suggested a program centered on Alternative Power Sources and Methods of Alternative Power Storage including solar, geothermal, fuel cells and organic fuels. A date in November will be targeted. It was suggested that, as part of the program, the Conservation Commission should focus on its role and encourage attendees to participate in Commission activities and consider becoming members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **MEMBER COMMENT**

Gary Steinman brought up the subject of future election of officers urging thought to a change in the slate.

### **FUTURE AND TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

- Conversation on Trees
- Conservation Plan
- Review/revise Land Use Guide
- Open Space Plan, review/revise
- Strategic Planning (Gary Steinman, Trudy Swenson)

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Masi*

Cathy Masi, Secretary

*The above minutes are not official until approved by the Commission members at the next meeting.*