



# TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

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## ROXBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Gary Steinman, Vice Chair Cecelia Santillo, Secretary Cathy Masi, Joni Weller seated for Ron Faanes and Russ Pribanic seated for Trudy Swenson.

Members Absent: Ron Faanes, Trudy Swenson and Timothy Flanagan.

#### GUESTS

None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Cecelia Santillo and seconded by Russ Pribanic to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2016 regular meeting. Motion was approved by all members who were present at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Email correspondence forwarded upon receipt but none since the last meeting.

Copies of The Habitat were distributed to members.

#### REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

##### Chair's Report

Gary Steinman attached an article on the progress of the conversion of the Railroad Station into a distillery. Ron Faanes and Timothy Flanagan have been signed on for four more years as commission members.

The Annual Report of the Roxbury Conservation Commission prepared by Gary Steinman was approved by members.

##### Commission Summaries

None this month.

##### The Clean Energy Task Force

Tabled.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Joey's Trail

Trudy Swenson, in an email to commission members, stated she is working on publicity for the upcoming Joey's Trail work date of October 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 8:30 AM and meeting in the library's rear parking lot. She will send out press releases this week to Voices, Litchfield County Times, the Roxbury Town website, and to Barbara Henry for Facebook and the town-wide email-newsletter for publication a week or two before the October 22 trail work day. She will post to the Shepaug Valley High School community service opportunity webpage today.

##### Student-oriented activities

Cecelia Santillo has been in contact with Christine Harding who would like the specifics of project dates, tasks for volunteers, tools needed and the like. Cecelia plans on sitting in on a session for project planning to firsthand understand student thinking and to then be better able to offer project structure encouraging student participation.

### Control of Conservation Commission Equipment

No updates.

### Fall Town Wants To Know Program

Gary Steinman outlined the upcoming "Town Wants To Know" public seminar to be held at the Library sometime in November. The focus will be on Full Cell Technology and how it can be utilized residentially. The **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**, the developer of the internet and other futuristic projects, is working on fuel cell development (aka energy storage). Other segments of the program will be the successful 'Solarization of Roxbury' and the proposed solar project to supply municipal buildings with electricity and which would be built over the closed town landfill. Discussion of future town seminars produced the idea of "Beyond Hazardous Waste Day", what do you do with the stuff they won't take. Plus, educating the public about recycling.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Tractor Parade

Ron Faanes will be securing a tractor and a trailer for a commission parade entry. Commission banners will be on board with a call for volunteers for Joey's Trail. The Commission's canopy will be set up at the park to house a display of the Commission's good works.

### **MEMBER COMMENT**

Gary Steinman discussed the year-end election of officers and how a change of slate infuses committees with new energy and ideas.

### **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 October 12, 2016

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Masi*

Cathy Masi, Secretary

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