

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 7, 2017  
7:30pm Clifford B. Green Building**

**Present:** Diane Wimmer, Jeannine Noel, Michael Oatley, Dana Heilemann, and April Lamothe;  
Recording Secretary

**Absent with notice:** Charlotte Merrill

- 1) **Call to Order:** Diane Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Jeannine Noel made a motion to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3) **New Business:**
  - a) **Subdivision Reviews:** None
- 4) **Financial Matters/Budget:** None
- 5) **Subcommittee Reports:** None
- 6) **Old Business:**
  - a) **Tree cutting Davis Park – Report:** Diane Wimmer spoke with Rick Ives in June about the trees being cut down. Rick Ives went and spoke with the land owner and the made sure that the forester was licensed. They checked the property lines and made sure they were on the correct property. Rick Ives was promised that any mess on the Davis Park property that was made would be cleaned up. Michael Oatley feels like they are clearing trees quite close to the boundary line and that clean up needs to happen since anything on the property is on the course. He feels that trees are being cut on the Davis Park property. He also mentioned that a machine taking down the trees, not a chainsaw and they are clearing a giant path around the property.
  - b) **Disc Golf Tournament:** Michael Oatley reported that the tournament went well. Next year they need to work on a better transportation schedule; have a van/mini bus running back and forth instead of just one trip.
    - Jeannine Noel mentioned that she had come across ATVs in park when she was practicing. Michael Oatley had emailed a couple of sign options to the Commission. Jeannie Noel made a motion to purchase eleven (11) signs prohibiting motorized vehicles for Davis Park, Riverside, and Creamery Brook. Michael Oatley seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Jeannie Noel will order the signs; \$3.99 a piece.
  - c) **Report on Trails Riverside:** Parks and Recreation had received a phone call saying that the trail was over grown on the Riverside Trail, but the trail maintenance is done by the Highway Department. Before it could be done, David Fuss had mowed the trail.
    - Discussion ensued about the wildflowers that were planted and flourishing.
- 7) **New Business:**
  - a) **Pollinator Conference:** Jana Roberson had sent out an email that UConn was holding a Pollinator Conference on October 19<sup>th</sup> and tickets are \$50. Diane Wimmer said that there is money in the budget for training. Diane Wimmer and Jeannine Noel are interested in attending the conference.
    - Diane Wimmer mentioned that she wants to get an ordinance made about fracking waste in the works soon.

**8) Correspondence:**

- **Quinebaug Solar Project:** There is a public field review on Tuesday, September 19 for the proposed solar project. The project will be on 561 acres/29 parcels.
- Brooklyn Sand and Gravel notified the Commission that they have requested reauthorization to divert water in order to operate the business.
- The spring edition of *The Habitat* was handed out.

**9) Public Comment:** None

**10) Adjournment:** Michael Oatley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, September 5 due to Labor Day.

Sincerely Submitted,  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary