

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 6, 2018  
7:30pm Clifford B. Green Building**

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

**Absent with Notice:** Dana Heilemann

**Also Present:** Paul Archer

- 1) **Call to Order:** Diane Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Jeannine Noel made a motion to approve the June 5, 2018 minutes. Michael Oatley seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3) **Budget 2018-2019:** No expenses have been made under the new budget. Diane Wimmer mentioned that she has not heard back from Doug Gagnon about the signs; she will call him again.
- 4) **New Business:**
  - a) **Subdivision Review – Day Street Subdivision:** Diane Wimmer told the Commission that a Phase 1B archaeology survey is being conducted on the purposed subdivision, which used to be a cornfield. The Commission will precede with the subdivision review knowing the survey is in progress.
    - Paul Archer from Archer Surveying, LLC representing Jeffrey Weaver proposed fee in lieu of open space. Paul Archer explained that the original track of land was 85 acres, with the subdivision being 23 acres, with 8 acres being wetlands. 3.5 acres would be in open space and 1.2 acres could be wetlands in open space. The subdivision has been approved by the Inlands/Wetlands Commission and the Health Department. The Commission evaluated the subdivision with the Subdivision/Site Plan Review Checklist. Discussion ensued.
    - **Recommendations:** Jeannine Noel approved of the fee in lieu of open space, especially with Walmart, powerlines, and gravel banks nearby. Michael Oatley made a motion to recommend fee in lieu of open space. Jeannine Noel seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Jeannine Noel will write up checklist and the recommendations.
  - b) **Other Letter from Jana:** Diane Wimmer spoke of the email the Commission received from Jana Roberson about the Public Information Session on Draft Zoning Regulations to be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is to seek public input from Brooklyn residents, businesses, groups, and commissions on possible updates to the Zoning Regulations.
- 5) **Old Business:**
  - **Sustainable Communities:** Diane Wimmer spoke with Rick Ives about Sustainable CT and he seems interested in the project. Diane Wimmer feels that it would be beneficial to have a representative from Sustainable CT to come in and speak to the selectmen.
  - **Rain Gardens:** Diane Wimmer met with Maura Robie last month and they looked at the purposed locations for rain gardens. Maura Robie said that they are looking for an area where gutters come from the roof. There are no good spots at the schools or the Town Hall. Diane Wimmer said that they are mainly looking for private residences.

- **Rain Barrels:** Diane Wimmer and Jeannine Noel attended the rain barrel workshop. Rick Ives approved of a rain barrel being placed on the back of the Town Hall.
  - **Mowing:** Jeannine Noel mentioned that Riverside and Creamery Brook need to be mowed.
  - **Last Green Valley:** Michael Oatley said that disc golf will be part of Walktober on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm at Riverside. He will speak about disc golf and then have the public try throwing the discs. Discussion ensued.
- 6) **Correspondence:** Diane Wimmer handed out the Spring/Summer edition of *The Habitat*.
- **Land Conservation Council:** Diane Wimmer received information that Connecticut citizens will have the opportunity to vote on public lands protection ballot questions this November.
- 7) **Public Comment:** None
- 8) **Adjournment:** Jeannine Noel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Michael Oatley seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sincerely Submitted,  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary