

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting – October 6, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

Present: Ann Astarita, Bill Darrin, Steven Gogliettino, James Ryan; **Not Present:** Karlyn Sturmer; **Also Present:** Tammy Hazen, Clerk

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ms. Astarita called to order at 7:02 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: The commission received a referral from Planning and Zoning Commission for a Conservation Subdivision by KASL, LLC and IBF, LLC on Robin Hill Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Darrin motioned to approve the minutes of 9/23/14; Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Membership: Ms. Astarita said that after over 15 years of service to the Town, Joe Hovious has submitted his resignation; His dedication and expertise has been invaluable and he will be sorely missed by all.

Review of Other Commissions: The commissioners discussed the Robin Hill Conservation Open Space subdivision proposal that is before the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Budget: Mr. Gogliettino continues to work on the budget request, which will focus on trails, marking, etc. on Pole Bridge Preserve, Pond Brook and Stone Bridge Trail open space.

Website: The new website is Newtownconservation.org; Ask JoAnne LLC (JoAnne Marcinek) has preliminary information on the website.

ACTION ITEMS

OS Parcels: Tabled.

Reduction of Invasive Species/Conservation Education/Outreach: Ms. Astarita said she received several calls regarding inquiries about conservation easements and invasivement plants. Although she expressed that the commissioners do not actively assist in removing invasives on private land, she provided them with information and organizations/websites that can provide them with more assistance.

Monitor Key Natural Resources: Mr. Darrin said he is planning to join the Newtown Forest Association to help with networking between the two organizations.

Discuss BOS Presentation: Ms. Astarita said that Mr. Sibley will do this presentation and commissioners are encouraged to attend in support.

NEW BUSINESS

KASL, LLC and IBF, LLC Robin Hill Subdivision – The commissioners reviewed and discussed the plans and maps submitted by Planning and Zoning as a referral.

After no further discussion, Mr. Darrin motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Gogliettino. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Hazen