



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Conservation Commission

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ROXBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10, 2018 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ron Faanes, Co-Chairman Gary Steinman, Secretary Cathy Masi, Trudy Swenson, Cecelia Santillo and Russ Pribanic (A)

Members Absent: Timothy Flanagan (A)

Guest: Kim Cartwright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13th meeting was made by Gary Steinman and seconded by Trudy Swenson. The minutes were unanimously approved by those present at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT, GUESTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Town Wants To Know

Ron Faanes said we are all full ahead for the first of this year's "A Town Want to Know" series for January 21, 2018 at 4 PM at the Library. Commissioners may want to show up earlier to help in setting up. Tim Abbott from the Housatonic Valley Association will deliver a presentation on the geology of Roxbury, the impact of the glaciers and the effects on groundwater recharge areas. The Library is handling the publicity.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Chair's Report

- New Member

Gary Steinman announced that Kim Cartwright has agreed to join the Conservation Commission and will be sworn in before the next regular meeting. Kim brings six years of experience in working with the Land Trust.

Charging Station

A project encouraged by the Conservation Commission will come to fruition with the construction of a charging station to be located on Town Hall Property. The first year of usage will be free and thus will be free to consumers.

Town Pond

Plans are in the works to have the Town Pond dredged and an aeration system installed. The Conservation Commission advocated this task and has been advised to supply data for a capital request.

Sustainability Program

Gary Steinman announced a luncheon panel will be held at Town Hall on January 30th to discuss options for Roxbury. Those interested in attending should contact Barbara Henry.

Solarization

The State is proposing Roxbury conduct another solarization project to interest homeowners in going solar. Incentives include a reduced installation cost and possible tax benefits. The prior program was a huge success with 20 Roxbury homes and 7 Washington homes installing residential solar energy generation systems.

Blight Ordinance

A compilation and comparison of Blight Ordinances in other communities was discussed and Commission members will bring suggestions and comments to the next regular meeting. An ordinance that works with townspeople in a solution based approach with language that would allow for flexibility allowing the Town to work with people who

had not the means to correct a situation. Chairman Ron Faanes suggested the adjusted ordinance be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their review.

Thank You to Wayne Ferris

Ron Faanes and Trudy Swenson will write a short publicity article to accompany the photo of members giving Wayne Ferris of the Roxbury Market a framed certificate of appreciation and photo of the tractor he donated for the Tractor Parade and to thank Russ Pribanic for all his work in converting that child's tractor into the 'award winning' gasoline-powered midget.

Commission Summaries

Chairman Faanes had emailed members highlights of Commission Summaries prior to this meeting. Of interest was a proposed 67 acre subdivision in the northern part of town.

OLD BUSINESS

Student-oriented Activities

Tabled

Joey's Trail

Trudy Swenson announced the trail will be formally opened on CT Trails Day, June 2nd with a rain date of June 3rd. She will ask Barbara Henry to deliver a dedication and will invite the family, the donors and all volunteers to the ceremony where refreshments will be served. Gary Steinman noted Barbara Henry has promised the aid of the Town Crew for the final tree clearing and brush removal. Ron Faanes will contact Earth Tones Nursery regarding appropriate low maintenance native plantings for along the path. The bench has been placed under an old cherry tree.

The Clean Energy Task Force

Gary Steinman said the CETF should be reactivated and he would be pleased to chair. The Task Force members are Sandra Cointreau, Walter Pappas, Gary Steinman and new member Russ Pribanic.

Composting

Removed from the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Recycling

Guest Kim Cartwright will invite Jennifer Heaton-Jones, an expert in recycling, to the March commission meeting. Ron Faanes reported Albert of the Transfer Station will be happy to attend a meeting and explain how recycling currently works.

MEMBER COMMENT

N/A

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 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