

Town of Stonington Conservation Commission
Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2014
Stonington Police Department Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chairman Stanton Simm. Also in attendance were Tim Bell, Stuart Cole, Jim Friedlander, Walter Grant, Sheila Lyons. Absent were members Ben Baldwin, Bob Dewire and Town Planner Keith Byrnes. Members of the public were present.

Simm read the invitation to the groundbreaking of Masonicare at Mystic on 5/22 at 3:30 and suggested that commission members attend.

A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Grant to take up item 4.a: Discussion of open space parcels for approved subdivision PZ01185D Downes Patterson Corporation ,, (Blueberry Pond Subdivision), Assessor's Map 13, Block a, Lots 24 & 25. It was unanimously approved. This development involved two parcels, one 7 1/2 acres, the other across the street, 13 acres in the Lathrop Ave., Enterprise Ave., Parkwood Drive area. The open space was never transferred to the town, but held by the developer as the required set aside. Encroachment has been reported — cutting trees by a resident. Discussion ensued on when the open space is required to be recorded. Cole recommended the town accept both parcels to be held as open space in perpetuity and that this statement be in the deed. Seconded by Friedlander. All voted unanimously.

Bell recommended the commission return to the agenda as proposed, Cole seconded. All voted approval.

Item 2 — No pending application on the agenda.

Item 3

- a. Mystic River Dam. Bell reported the state has enough funds and the Hyde Dam will be removed.
- b. Discussion of Stonington's 200 Greatest Roadside Trees. It is an ongoing project but funds are limited for a tree warden.
- c. Discussion of Open Space and Conservation Easement Transfers for Ongoing and Past Subdivisions — previously discussed under item 4a.
- d. Discussion of 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development. Second draft is available. Minor changes discussed with Walter Grant, Conservation Commission representative on the POCD Commission under Open Space and Agriculture sections of the plan. Agriculture is a new item, not previously addressed in the previous three plans, the last one in 2004.
- e. Discussion of Updates to the 2007 Open Space Plan. The recently scheduled meeting of the Committee was cancelled. The next meeting will be on June 2. Reports will be given by Baldwin on Fusina property easement, Simm on the Miner property, Friedlander on the addition to the Hoffman Preserve (completed).
- f. Installing signs on Town open space properties — nothing to report.
- g. Other old business — none.

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Open space Parcels 4. b. Discussion of parcels for preservation — not discussed.

New Business — none

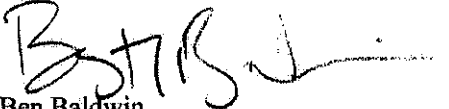
Review of draft minutes — 2/24/14 and 4/28/14. Lyons motioned to table until the next meeting. Bell seconded and all approved.

Friedlander motioned to adjourn at 8:17.

Minutes by Sheila Lyons, acting secretary.

Approved at a regular meeting on 7/28/2014.

Minutes submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Baldwin', is written over the printed name.

Ben Baldwin
Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission