

Town of Stonington Conservation Commission
Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on April 26, 2010
Police Station Community Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

The regular meeting of the Stonington Conservation Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Stuart Cole at 7:05 pm on April 26, 2010. Also in attendance were Walter Grant, Bertrand Bell, and Sheila Lyons. Absent members were Stanton Simm, Ben Baldwin, Jennifer Herbst and Robert Dewire. One member of the public, Carlene Donnarummo, was also there.

PZ1011SD Pequot Development Associates, LLC – *Re-subdivision Application to facilitate lot line adjustment of previously approved lots 10-14, 16-19, and designated open space. Properties located at Grandview Farm Drive and Cedar Grove Lane, Pawcatuck, CT. Assessor's Map 17, Block 1, Lots 6P, 6Q, 6R, 6S, 6T, 6V, 6W, 6X, 6Y & 37. Zone RM-20.* Randy Conradi, representing Pequot Development owned by Jim Chambers (pricing \$450,000 - \$525,000), presented an amendment to the originally approved housing development plan, Grandview Farm, regarding the detention basin which will now not be included in the land given to the Stonington Land Trust, which is preferable to that organization. The total land acreage is 50.288, original open space 29.3 acres now reduced to 27.9. They are not asking for any more lots above the original 26, under regular subdivision regs. The original farm on its 7 acres will be kept intact.

Sidewalks, sewer, water from route 2, and gas lines are complete. Three houses have been sold. Bell moved to approve the amendment, Lyons seconded. The approval vote was unanimous.

Under the item for open space, it was noted that application deadline for the state grants are due on May 3. Unhappily it was noted that there is no personnel in the land office to do fund applications.

The Mystic Dam Committee - Tim Bell and Stuart Cole reported that the dam is intact as is the fish ladder. All agreed that Bell could clean out the ladder to help the fish in their ascent of the river. Cole commented on the flooding of Old Mystic, especially the Post Office and the general store, which had three feet of water. Cole felt dam removal will be more acceptable to the state after the flood of late March and early April.

Grant and Bell reported that they had been on the hunt for Stonington notable trees, and Bell showed outlines of the town with 8 trees noted.

The subject of surface and drinking water was not discussed.

The subject of alternative energy regulations was briefly touched on with nothing to report. Bell commented on the Green Fair, held recently at the Stonington Community Center with pretty good attendance.

Under new business, it was noted that the community at Enders Island is rebuilding its walls.

Under correspondence, it was noted that Stonington no longer seems to be a member of Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions (CACIWC), which should be rectified.

There was a general discussion of the T-Mobile application across the tracks from Spellman Park on Pawcatuck Avenue. Baldwin had gone to the meeting (4 hours) as had Donnarummo. It will be only 50 feet from the railroad tracks, so the subject of "the fall zone" seems not to be of influence even though a fall in that direction would have profound effect on the catenary wires of the railroad. Many other communicators are co-locators, using the power from this tower. The state Siting Council has the final say anyway.

The meeting minutes of March 22 were approved by the members who had been in attendance. Lyons commented on the minutes notation that Howard Eaton had addressed under the Comprehensive Plan limiting the growth rate to 1% or 1 1/2%. It was not noted what the percentage rate applied to. She stated that The Plan of Conservation and Development of 1992 limited the growth to 100 residential housing units per year. That subject is under discussion in the town now.

Correspondence received:

CT DEP OLISP approval of 200903837-MG 29, Roseleah Drive (McGrath)

CT DEP OLISP approval of 200801785-MG, Enders Island (St. Edmund's Retreat)

CT DEP IWRD Water Protection and Land Reuse approval of DIV-200702824, Stony Brook & ground waters (Robert Tobin, Pequot Holdings Two, LLC)

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association's winter 2010 *Watershed* newsletter

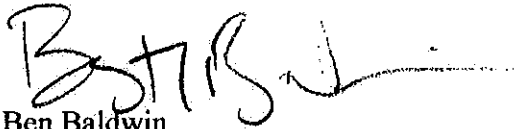
CT Wildlife magazine

CACIWC's spring 2010 *The Habitat* newsletter

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Draft minutes Respectfully submitted - Sheila Lyons, acting secretary

Amended minutes approved on 5/24/2010.



Ben Baldwin

Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission