

Town of Stonington Conservation Commission
Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2013
Police Station Community Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. Call to order: Called to order by Stanton Simm at 7:05 pm. Commission members also in attendance were Stuart Cole, Tim Bell, and Walter Grant. Members Sheila Lyons, Ben Baldwin, Jim Friedlander and Bob DeWire were absent. Members of the public were present.

2. Review of Town Developments and Proposals. There were none.

3. Discussion of Updates of 2007 Open Space Plan:

It was decided that there would be no subcommittee to rewrite Open Space Plan. The plan would be rewritten by the Conservation Commission. The Open Space Plan is pretty good as written. We need to change our grading system. The following are changes:

- 1) Acreage of parcels: hatch in 0; 1 for less than 10 ; 2 for 11 to 24; 3 for 25 to 50; 4 for 50+.
- 2) Watershed/Streambelt Protection: 3 (water body on the property or portion of the property; 2 (property includes portion of the streambelt (meaning lands contiguous to streambelt or less than 100 ft. from the body of water); 1 (topography slopes toward body of water but is greater than 100 ft. away; 0 (no discernible drainage into a body of water)
- 3) Listed Species of Concern noted on the property: 4 (nationally listed endangered species); 3 (state listed endangered species); 2 (threatened species) ; 1 (species of special concern) ; 0 (nothing),
- 4) Resident Listed Species of concern: 4 (nationally listed endangered species); 3 (state listed endangered species); 2 (threatened species) ; 1 (species of special concern) ; 0 (nothing)
- 5) Contiguous to a protected deeded highly environmentally protected land: 3 (contiguous to a highly rated open space which is protected by deed (such as Barn Island) and creates a greenway connection; 2 (contiguous to current open space with greenway); 1 (contiguous to deeded open space); 0 (no contiguous connection)
- 6) Aquifer protection: 3 (aquifer protection zone); 2 (known stratified drift deposits, not aquifer protection zone); 1 (potential water source); 0 (no potential water source)

Secondary Criteria:

- 7) Public Access to Waterway/waterfront: 0 (no access); 1 (not well developed); 2 (well developed).
- 8) Existing trails: 0 (none); 1 (not well developed); 2 (well developed)
- 9) Forest Cover: 2 (unfragmented forest cover); 1 (fragmented forest cover); 0 (minimal forest)
- 10) Grassland/Meadows: 0 (none) ; 1 (fair quality of established habitat) ; 2 (high quality of established habitat)
- 11) Archeological site: 0 (unknown) ; 1 (trace) ; 2 (known site)

Tertiary Criteria:

- 12) Architectural Resource: 0 (none) ; 1 (something)
- 13) Historic Resource: 0 (none) ; 1 (some)
- 14) Significant Topological feature: 0 (none); 1 (cliffs, ledges, etc.)
- 15) FEMA flood hazard: 1 (yes) ; 0 (no)
- 16) Farmland soils: 1 (yes); 0 (no)

Additional changes to the Open Space Plan:

- Take out the word "Bond" in the title of page entitled PROPOSED PROCESS FOR EXPENDITURE OF STONINGTON'S OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION BOND FUNDS. Also take out the word "bond" in the body of this statement.
- Pages 11 through 12: Replacing Barn Island-would be Crowley. Replacing Paffard Woods would be Hoffman Preserve Addition. Replacing Manatuck Land Preserve would be Fusina.

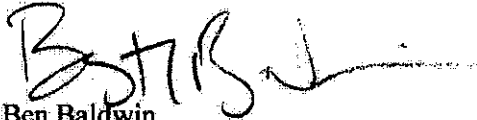
4. Old Business

Motion made and carried to dismiss

5. Meeting adjourned

Minutes compiled and submitted by Walter Grant.

Approved at a regular meeting on March 25, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Baldwin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Baldwin

Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission