

WESTBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2011

(Approved)

Members present: Chairman Tom ODell, Mike Oryl, Randy Bell, Don Harger, Bob Peterson and John Rie.

Absent w/excuse: Marty Marx

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Tom ODell.

Minutes – March 15, 2010

Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of March 15, 2011, as amended.

Bills: No Bills were presented.

Correspondence:

1. Copy of 3/22/11 Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.
2. Copy of 4/5/11 corrected IWWC Meeting Minutes.
3. Copy of 3/22/11 CT DEP approval of Permit #201006163-SB, 1241 Old Clinton Road
4. Copy of 3/22/11 CT DEP approval of Permit #201100405-SB, 533 Boston Post Road
5. Notice of Coastal Management Refresher Workshop, Madison, CT May 5, 2011
6. Westbrook Foundation Annual Report.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman ODell passed around article on Westbrook's Open Space that appeared in Harbor News.
- Chairman ODell stated that legislation on recreation liability had passed the Judiciary Committee and would now be voted on by House and Senate.
Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to send letters to Senator Eileen Daily and Representatives Jim Crawford and Marilyn Guiliano requesting they support the recreation liability legislation.

- Chairman ODell reviewed House Bill 6400, concerning Licensure of Stormwater Professionals. The legislation could prevent municipal land use commissions from regulating stormwater management plans. Westbrook's Zoning and Inland Wetlands Commissions have written to town legislators stating their concerns and opposition.
Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to send letters to Senator Eileen Daily and Representatives Jim Crawford and Marilyn Guiliano requesting asking them to oppose the legislation.

- Chairman appeared before Finance Commission on March 21, 2011 to support Commission Budget. Finance approved as presented.
Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to add "Kirtland Landing Restoration" under Open Space Programs

Open Space Program:

Chairman ODell reviewed Draft Ordinance provided by Town Attorney Michael Wells for authorizing Conservation Commission to management of lands designated as Open Space.

Following discussion Commission requested Chairman to research and develop appropriate definition of open space parcels Commission would be responsible for managing:

- Salt Island Overlook: No activity: Chairman ODeIl stated he will take soil sample the week of April 25th and submit for analysis to Extension Center in Haddam.
- Chapman Mill Pond: The Lake Laconia Home Owners Assoc. management proposal has been reviewed by Atty. Wells. He will be providing recommendations in consultation with the Sciongay's Atty.
- Horse Hill Woods Parking: No Activity
- Kirtland Landing: Town Planner and Chairman ODeIl jointly submitted Planning Grant of \$45,000 for Landing restoration to LIS Future Fund. Members reviewed the responsibilities of Commission if grant is approved.

Mulvey Environmental Walkway: No activity

Plan of Conservation and Development: Commission reviewed most recent draft document specifically the land use map and proposed green infrastructure map.

Old Business

- Zoning Referral: Z2011-02, 1587 Boston Post Road; Proposed Entertainment Center: Public Hearing continued to April.

New Business

- Charter Commission request. Commissioner completed questionnaire and submitted to Chairman for compilation and forwarding th Charter Commission.
- DEP OLIS Referral: Application for Water Quality Certificate from US Army Corp. to dredge areas in Patchoug River. Commission reviewed with no comment.

Reports

- Planning Commission NA
- Zoning Commission NA
- Inland Wetlands Commission NA
- Harbor Commission: John Rie updated on dredging project.
- Town Center Committee
- Adopt-A-Spot: John Rie updated adopt-A-Spot

On Motion by Don Harger, Seconded by Mike Oryl it was VOTED to adjourn at 8:40pm

Respectively Submitted:

Tom ODeIl, Acting Secretary