

**WESTBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Regular Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2010

**Members present:** Chairman Tom ODell, Bob Peterson, Marty Marx, Don Harger, Randy Bell and John Rie.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Tom ODell called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Minutes – May 18, 2010:** Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by Don Harger, it was:  
**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010, as submitted.

**Bills:** Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:  
**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of the following bills: \$31.90, \$23.93 and \$47.85 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties, \$912.00 to CRCCD for the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled monitoring of plots at Salt Island Overlook and \$41.96 to Tom ODell for reimbursement of miscellaneous purchases.

**Correspondence:**

1. Copy of May IWWC Agent Report.
2. Copy of 5/25/10 Zoning Commission Minutes.

**Chairman's Report:**

1. Chairman ODell stated that the video that the Commission Members participated in was played at the Board of Education and there is a link on the Board of Education Website for anyone who wants to view it.
2. Chairman ODell attended a workshop on Coastal Resilience in Long Island Sound. He stated it was an excellent presentation. The summation paperwork was distributed to all members.

Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to add "DEP Application for Walkway & Dock for Nathan Lee – Menunketesuck Road" under 'New Business'.

**Open Space Program:**

- **HH Gorge: Ross 7.5 acres – Appraisals – discuss - action:**  
Chairman ODell stated that he has received the appraisal from Flannigan Associates of New London. A copy was distributed to all members for review. The appraisal submitted by Peter Sakalowski was also distributed. Chairman ODell went over how they got the results they submitted. The 2 appraisals are \$150,000.00 and \$170,000.00. Chairman ODell stated that he would like the Commission to make a decision and negotiate between the 2 appraisals. Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Don Harger, it was:  
**VOTED:** Unanimously that it is the consensus of the Conservation Commission to move forward with the amount of \$150,000.00 for the 7.5 acre Ross Property.  
Chairman ODell will meet with Steve Ross to tell him that the Commission feels that the price of \$15,000.00 that our appraiser submitted is realistic.
- **Horse Hill Gorge: Parking area:** Brenden will start work next week.
- **Salt Island Overlook – Update:** All Habitat will start the evasive plant control work within the next 2 weeks. The Commission has been approved

for a Fish & Wildlife Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00. The Town has to spend the money first and then they will be reimbursed. The appropriation has already been approved by the Board of Selectmen and will go before the Board of Finance for approval on 6/16/10.

- **Chapman Mill Pond: Schedule meeting to review dam maintenance:** Chairman ODell will contact the Sjongay's to set up a meeting within the next two weeks for a Tuesday or Thursday. Chapman Mill Pond Association has tentatively agreed to pay for part of the pond cleaning. He will be meeting with a representative of the association to discuss the matter further.

**Mulvey Environment Education Walkway: Update:** John Rie stated that they are no longer trying to change the harbor lines because it would be too costly and very time consuming. He will be meeting with Attorney Mike Wells next week to discuss what they can do legally.

**Plan of Conservation and Development:** The last meeting they worked on housing area issues. The next meeting scheduled is for 6/28/10 to discuss infrastructures and to put together a survey that will go out to all town residents.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Russo Conservation Sub-division: IWWC Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing has been postponed until July.
- **Zoning Appeal No. 10-06: Lot 17 Pointina Road: to allow 6.1' set back where 50' is required:** Chairman ODell stated that ZBA has denied the application. The applicant will be appealing the decision.
- **IWWC Referral: Applicant David Scranton: South side of Boston Post Road, Assessors Map #28, Lot #S116:** The applicant has changed the proposal by reducing the size of the building, eliminating some parking spaces and reducing the size of the Biofilter. The IWWC Public Hearing has been closed and will be voted on at their July Meeting.  
Upon a motion by Randy Bell, seconded by Don Harger, it was:  
VOTED: Unanimously that the Conservation Commission recommend that the Town hire a professional Engineer to monitor erosion & sedimentation controls during and after construction and to mention that this Commission has concerns about the effect this project will have on the culvert that goes across Route 1.

#### **New Business:**

- **DEP application for walkway & dock for Nathan Lee – Menunketesuck Road:** Chairman ODell stated that the application seems straight forward and that no comments are necessary from this Commission.

#### **Reports:**

- **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission is still looking for a representative from this Commission for "Adopt A Spot". They are meeting on a weekly basis and working on setting up legal guidelines.
- **Zoning Commission:** The Zoning Commission has adopted the new digitized map and will be uploaded to the Towns Website.

- Inland Wetlands Commission: The Commission is currently busy with Tanger Outlet Mall and the Lorenson project.
- Harbor Commission: The scheduled dredging is now complete. There is still one area of concern that will hopefully be fixed next year. There has been no cost to the Town for the dredging, it was all taken care of with federal funds. They are working on getting funds for the whole harbor to be dredged.
- Town Center Committee: Nothing to report.

Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by John Rie, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary