

WESTBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Corrected Minutes – December 21, 2010

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Tom ODell.

Minutes – November 16, 2010

Upon a motion by Randy Bell, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010, as amended.

Bills: Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:

\$24.71 and \$32.94 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties; \$37.01 to W.B. Mason for Office Supplies and \$57.52 to Tom ODell for reimbursement for purchase of signs and split rail fencing.

Correspondence:

1. Notice of vacation schedule from First Selectman Noel Bishop.
2. Notification of hiring of the new Director of Finance.
3. ZEO Report date 12/28/10.
4. Notice from DEP regarding application for Brewer's Pilot's Point Marina.
5. Notice of deadline for next addition of Westbrook Events – 1/6/11.
6. Copy of 10/5/10 Corrected IWWC Minutes.
7. Copy of 11/3/10 IWWC Minutes.
8. Copy of 11/30/10 Special Meeting Minutes.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman ODell had nothing to report.

Open Space Program:

- **Salt Island Overlook – Coastal Forest Restoration Landscape Plan**

Chairman ODell stated that he is proposing to redirect \$2,500.00 from the Mulvey River Bank object to the Conservation Open Space object in order to fund the Landscaping plan.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to request approval from the Board of Selectmen to redirect \$2,500.00 from Mulvey River Bank, Line item #010-0414-055-0225, to Conservation Open Space, Line item #010-0414-055-2392 for the purpose of funding a comprehensive planting plan with trail component to meet the objective of restoring a coastal forest habitat on the Town of Westbrook's Salt Island Overlook Open Space Property.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to hire/contract with a professional ecologist/botanist with landscape design experience to develop a Coastal Forest Restoration Planting Plan for Salt Island Overlook; contract not to exceed \$2,500.00.

(Contractor must work with Salt Island Overlook Technical Advisory Committee established by the Conservation Commission.

- **Chapman Mill Pond – Fence and signage. Lake weed control:** Chairman ODell and Don Harger and put up the split rail fence on the emergency road at the border of the Sciongay property and Town Property. They also inspected the fence between the emergency road and the pond and did some repairs. They left an area for the deer to pass through. They also set up “Private Property”, “No Trespassing” and “No Hunting or motorized vehicles” signs in the appropriate locations. Don Harger will be going back to make sure everything is still in place. The Lake Laconia Association will have the necessary paperwork done by the end of January in regards to them paying ½ of the cost for weed control for the lake
- **Horse Hill Woods: Parking update:** There is a possibility of creating parking where the sign is. Chairman ODell will ask John Riggio to look at the area to see if it is possible to move the fence to make a parking area. Fencing or a stone barrier would also have to be erected.
- **Russo Property: Update:** At this time, we do not have a representative from Trust for Public Land to work with the Town. There may possibly be grant money available next year from the Community Investment Acts Fund.
- **Open Space Plan: Green Infrastructure: Update:** Chairman ODell stated there was nothing new to report.

Mulvey Environment Education Walkway: Spring 2011 Management: Possible volunteers:

Chairman ODell stating that he is working on getting some volunteer work done by Oxford Academy until Brendan Gooley returns.

Plan of Conservation and Development

Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

- **2011-2012 Budget:**
A breakdown of the proposed budget was distributed. It is as follows: \$1,300.00 for payroll; \$2,825.00 for Mulvey River Bank; \$190.00 for Dues and training; \$250.00 for supplies and \$7,000.00 for Open Space. This is a total of \$11,565.00 which was approved by the Commission at the November Meeting.
- **IWWC Referral: Applicant Michael Dattilo (Water’s Edge): Construction of 2 Tennis Courts, north parking lot, Boston Post Road: Update:**
This application was approved by the Zoning Commission with stipulations.

New Business:

- **Zoning Referral: Z2010-11: 1333 Essex Road (CT Water Company): Special Permit Application for the replacement of an existing 10ft X 10ft prefab building with a 12ft X 16ft prefab building and associated site improvements, involving 10.2 acres:**

This property is in a water resource zone and an aquifer area. They have not supplied a list of what chemicals will be used which is required by the Zoning Regulations. The proposed increase in the building size is because of a DEP requirements. This area drains down into the wetlands.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to write a letter to the Zoning Commission requesting a list of chemicals to be used and the breakdown of which chemicals are solid and which are liquid and to request that there be an impervious floor and a containment wall if any liquid chemicals are being used.

- **Planning Referral: DRAFT Stormwater Management Regulations:** The draft copy of the proposed regulations was passed out to all members to review and comment. The regulations will be acted on in January.

Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to add “Pilot’s Point DEP Permit” to the agenda under “New Business”

- **Pilot’s Point DEP Permit:** Pilot’s Point has applied for a permit in order to put a bulk head in which will give them a better base to lift boats from. They will be filling in 6-7’ of the river, which really won’t make much of a difference. The Commission will submit a letter stating that the Conservation Commission “has no comment at this time”.

Reports:

- a. **Planning Commission:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Zoning Commission:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Inland Wetlands:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Harbor Commission:** John Rie stated that there will be no Grant money for the dredging. They will be moving forward with dredging the river with Town funds, but will not be able to do as much as they could have with Grant money.
- e. **Town Center Committee:** Adopt-a-spot doing very well.

Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary