

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 22, 2016**

**7:30 PM – Meeting Room D – Madison Town Campus**

**Members Present:** Chair Heather Crawford, Christine Bouchard, Richard Gedney, Clyde Burkhardt, Alex Cushing, Rachel Klein.

**Members Absent:** George McManus.

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**1) Meeting called to order:** At approximately 7:31 pm, Chairman Crawford called the meeting to order.

**2) Call for additional agenda items:** R. Gedney mentioned that there is going to be an event hosted by the Madison Garden Club on September 13<sup>th</sup> about the connection between landscaping and Long Island Sound; H. Crawford stated that she has some contacts at the Garden Club and will email them and ask how to sign up for the event.

**3) Planning for Bauer Park Festival**

- Horseshoe crab and Coastal Ecology – H. Crawford reported that she has spoken with one of her contacts and confirmed that there are a couple molts available for the Commission to use at the Festival. She also reported that Joan had donated her specimen to the Meigs Point Nature Center but will contact them to ask if they can lend them out for the Festival.
- Night sky – H. Crawford reported that she has not yet spoken with Sanna about the art project/display.

**4) Review of material on Outdoor Wood-burning Furnaces for potential town regulation.**

H. Crawford discovered that packet regarding wood-burning furnaces had not been included in the agenda email to the members. She stated that Dave Anderson had been contacted by the Environment and Human Health Inc., which recently came out with a 50-page study about the health impacts of outdoor wood-burning furnaces. Some CT towns have already banned these furnaces. There was some discussion about the current State regulations. H. Crawford stated that she will email the study to the members so that they can read it before their next meeting.

**5) Project/Issue Updates**

Residential and Street Lighting: Town fixture replacement and presentation update

- Fixtures are not in yet; the lighting presentation will have to be postponed. R. Gedney commented that he met with the first selectman regarding the lighting at Tuxis. H. Crawford stated that she will formally invite Woody to their next meeting.

Boundary Documentation:

- C. Bouchard reported that her husband has put together a 21-page report including pictures of the markers, maps, and a data table. She will email the report to the members. A. Cushing stated that he is interested in becoming involved with this project.

Public Education/Outreach for 2016-17:

- H. Crawford reiterated that the lighting presentation will be on hold until further notice.
- H. Crawford reported that she has heard from Jason; the “single tracks of Rockland” site is now linked to the Town website. She will put C. Bouchard in direct contact with Jason so that they can update their Conservation Commission page, possibly link with their Facebook page, add articles, etc.

Invasive Species monitoring:

- H. Crawford reported that the bamboo letter has not yet been prepared. R. Gedney suggested that they take a softer approach and stress that they want to *help* the property owners, not chastise/penalize.

**6) Review and approve minutes for July 25, 2016 and May 23, 2016 and June 27, 2016.**

- July 25, 2016
- May 23, 2016
- June 27, 2016

The minutes were reviewed and no amendments were made.

**Motion:** R. Gedney moved to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016 and May 23, 2016 and June 27, 2016 as submitted. C. Bouchard seconded.

**Vote:** all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**7) Adjournment:** At 8:10 pm, C. Bouchard moved for adjournment; C. Burkhardt seconded.

**Vote:** all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shauna Dowd

\*amendments to these minutes will be noted in future minutes.