

# TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00 pm

## Meeting Minutes

- Agenda Items:**
- Call Meeting to Order
  - Public Comments – 15 Minutes
  - Acceptance of May minutes
  - Treasurer’s Report
  - 2012 Programs & Events
    - Proposal from Maryellen Lemay, Conservation Commission, Composter sale at TNAC, would also like to request storage of composters in basement of TNAC
    - Request from John Massari, DEEP Bow and Conservation Instructor, to hold 2 classes this summer at TNAC
    - Eagle Scout project updates
    - Sunflower planting day June 23
    - Interactive educational Habitat Art boards, proposed by Pam Georgas
    - Fall programs 2012 & endangered species, New England cottontail campaign proposal (conservation/education initiative)
  - Town Council Education subcommittee meeting
  - Website and media
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Adjournment

**Attending:** Commission: Chairman Pam Georgas, Bonnie Lindsay, Kevin Malone,  
Clerk: Sheryl Baumann

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

### **Minutes Approval**

May minutes were approved as presented. Bonnie moved on the motion, Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

No report given.

### **2012 Programs & Events**

#### **- Conservation Commission Request**

Maryellen Lemay of the Trumbull Conservation Commission is partnering with the Trumbull Recycling Coordinator, Robin Bennett, in their request to sell composters at the TNAC site. They would be sold on two separate dates. The composters will be ordered the day before the

sale event, and placed in the garage until the sales are over. Kevin moved on the motion to store the boxes. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**- John Massari, DEEP request**

John Massari requested to hold two classes on Bow safety at TNAC. The dates would be July 29 and August 12. Kevin made a motion to permit the classes. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**- Eagle Scout project updates**

- An Eagle Scout has assembled 10 Letterboxes, and placed 2 of them in each of 5 Trumbull town parks.

- An Eagle Scout is planning on building picnic tables for TNAC and creating an outdoor classroom area with logs. Project to be completed by the end of August.

**- Sunflower planting day June 23**

TNAC is holding a mammoth sunflower planting day on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This program will use the materials supplied by Sun Products, left over from the 501c3 event.

**- Interactive educational Habitat Art Boards**

Pam Georgas presented to the Commission her proposal to create large art boards that would teach visitors, such as Scouts and children, about animals and their native habitats. The exhibit would be an interactive matching game, installed in the TNAC building. Bonnie moved on the motion to allow Pam to create the art boards. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**- Fall programs 2012 and endangered species, New England Cottontail campaign proposal**

- Pam Georgas, speaking for herself and Debbie Artinian, proposed to the Commission that TNAC conduct an awareness campaign of the New England Cottontail rabbit. Pam informed the Commission that the New England Cottontail is up for consideration to be put on the Federal Endangered Species Act list. The Trumbull area is a native habitat of the New England Cottontail. Pam proposed that TNAC offer a 2012 fall program to teach children about the New England Cottontail and its habitat.

- Kathy Vincent will be conducting an endangered animals art program in fall 2012.

**Town Council Education Subcommittee meeting**

Pam Georgas, along with Maryellen Lemay, was invited to speak at the Town Council Education Subcommittee meeting. Pam spoke about TNAC programming, while Maryellen spoke about field trips. Pam will be attending the next Subcommittee meeting to discuss Nature Center issues.

**Website and Media**

A discussion was held on the status of the website. Updates have been made to the layout and functionality. Further updates are forthcoming.

**Old Business**

Special needs and inner city program development: Pam stated that TNAC would need to build programs in this area in order to get grants for funding.

**New Business**

A discussion was held regarding the acquiring of new animals and shelving to accommodate them. The Agriscience students may be asked to help in coordinating this project.

**Adjournment**

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Submitted by Sheryl Baumann, Nature Commission Clerk*