

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00pm

Present: Chairman, Pam Georgas; Commissioner Kevin Malone and Frank Grazynski.

Absent: Commissioners Bonnie Lindsay and Ruth Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by the chairman.

Past Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Grazynski, seconded by Mr. Malone, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 as written. Unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Update Bullard Havens Application

Mrs. Georgas noted she has been in contact with Bullard Havens noting an electrician will need to review the project and submit an estimate as they are separate from the building department that would be completing the other work. It is anticipated that the project could be done in the spring. She also noted all estimates include materials. Approvals will need to be obtained from the town to start the project. Contracts will be reviewed and approved through Mr. Marsilio.

Status of the 501c3 Agreement

Mrs. Georgas noted the commission was requested to speak with the town attorney regarding this contract. Dennis Kokenos has been contacted but no meetings have been set for discussions.

Discussion was held regarding the potential use of either the current Nature Center building or a new building should it be approved. A multipurpose youth building was one suggestion as there are several groups in town that could benefit from this type of set up.

Discussion was held regarding the status of the Nature Center Commission and its association with the 501c3. Mr. Malone noted the 501c3 should be discussing a five year projection of projects including discussions with the town regarding the current TNAC property.

Student Advisory Board

Mrs. Georgas noted the students are passionate about the environment and are taking steps to become more visible in the community so the town is aware of their formation. The group is all set for the Thanksgiving project this weekend and will be working on an ornament project for the town tree with the Youth Department. Approximately seven students are actively planning activities. They are looking to do a large project for Halloween next year and possibly a bluebird project at Old Mine Park. They will also be helping at the Trumbull Arts Festival.

Spring Programs/Eagle Scout Projects

It was noted the spring programs are in place but will not be handled by the Commission. Outdoor projects were discussed for Eagle Scouts such as a picnic area, meadow work, mulch area. It was noted the path around the pond was cleared. Mrs. Georgas noted she sent UI and GE some project ideas that they might be interested in completing through a grant or for a volunteer day. Follow-up will need to be done.

Roadside Sign

Mr. Malone noted the roadside sign has been finished and needs to be mounted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk