

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Monday January 13, 2011
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items:

Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments - 15 Minutes
Acceptance of December minutes
Acceptance of December Treasurers report
Election of Officers for 2011
Vote on date for monthly meetings for 2011
Presentation of TNAC promotional video
TNAC Development Plans
 3-year Marketing/Development Strategy Plan
2011 Programs and Events
 Approval of Spring/Summer Programs
 Pancake Breakfast/Maple sugaring demonstration
 CT Trails Day Hike
Website and Media
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment of regular meeting

Attending: Commission Chairman Pam Georgas, Frank Grazynski, Kevin Malone, Meg Barnes, Ruth Mohr, Guests Sheryl and Steven Baumann, and Mitchell Lewis.

Commissioners Paul Buttress and Mike Paoletto absent with excuse

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

Minutes from December were approved as presented. Ruth moved on the motion to approve the minutes and Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Reports from December were approved as presented. Kevin moved on the motion to approve the September report and Ruthie seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Election of Officers for 2011

Pam announced that Bonnie has sent in a letter of consideration for a seat on the Nature Commission.

Meg resigned from the Nature Commission in effect after this meeting. She will still stay involved

with the Center and will continue to handle the 501c.3 application. We all acknowledge Meg's contributions to the Commission and wish her well.

Frank nominated Pam Georgas for another term as Commission Chairman. Kevin seconded the nomination. The motion to nominated passed with unanimous consent.

The Treasurer's position will remain open until the next meeting.

The following positions are non-officer positions and do not need to be voted on.

Mike Paoletto will be the contact person for Programs.

Kevin will remain Youth Outreach Coordinator.

Meg has volunteered to be the Eagle Scout Coordinator

Vote on date for monthly meetings for 2011

There was a discussion concerning the day of the week and the week of the month to hold the 2011 Nature Commission monthly meetings. Kevin moved on the motion to have the second Tuesdays of the month to be the Commission monthly meeting date. Ruthie seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Presentation of TNAC Promotional Video

Sheryl Baumann and her son Steven Baumann put together a video to be used as a promotional tool. Steven has taped several events and together they edited the events into a short video. The Commission viewed the video and applauded their efforts. The video will be shown during presentations to schools, scout groups, PTA groups, etc.

TNAC Development Plans – 3-year Marketing/Development Strategy Plan

Kevin along with Mary Ellen Lemay and Cheryl Beiling have volunteered to go out and give presentations to groups within the Town to promote activities at the Center.

Sheryl Baumann also presented a slogan and marketing campaign suggestion of “Come to Your Senses”. A discussion followed where the Commissions talked about how we could use the slogan and integrate it into marketing campaigns for the Center. Frank has volunteered to organize a program or an event that captures the concept of “Come to Your Senses” for the 2011 campaign. The event or program will be held in April or May.

We would like to thank Sheryl for her efforts and ideas.

2011 Programs and Events

The Commissioners reviewed the draft of the Spring/Summer Programs. Kevin moved on a motion to accept the draft for publication. Ruthie seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Dates were set for the Pancake Breakfast/Sugaring Demo for March 12th and June 5th for the CT Trails Day Hike.

Website and Media

Mitchell will work on correcting the time stream from the Nature Center Google calendar to the TNAC Website.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

With no other business, a motion was then make by Frank and seconded by Ruth to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Submitted by E. Bonnie Lindsay, Nature Commission Clerk