

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Town Hall
5866 Main Street
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611

Trumbull Conservation Commission

Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting
June 21, 2012
7:00pm

Present: Mary Ellen Lemay, Chairman; Jim Sullivan; Joanne Parsons; Dale Parsons; Kate Bruzinski; Don Watson

Absent: Scot Kerr

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Past Minutes: Motion made by Don Watson, seconded by Joanne Parsons to approve the minutes of May 31, 2012. Unanimous.

Old Business

1. Report on Pequonnock River Initiative/Old Mine/CTAC – No update. Mary Ellen Lemay noted she sent a letter to Tim Herbst and John Marsilio thanking them for their support on the project. Don Watson stated he would like to put together a slide show highlighting the project. More promotional information is forth coming. The Parsons have a color rendering of the area completed which will be placed at Old Mine depicting the work completed.
2. Landscape/Tree Ordinance – Mary Ellen noted that the draft ordinance is currently being reviewed by the Zoning Director. It should be ready for the Town Council in the fall. Joanne Parsons will contact the Zoning Director on its status. Don Watson stated he needed to have a meeting with the Zoning Officer regarding the bike trail and suggested the two discussions be combined. It was noted that the Plan of Conservation Development (POCD) must be updated and that it is being addressed by the Zoning Director.
3. Rails to Trails Trumbull Center and Quarry Road -- Discussion was held regarding the status of the bike trail and site map of the trail through Trumbull was reviewed. The Public Works Department, along with the State of CT, will be working on several segments of the trail. Mary Ellen walked the trail with Dmitri Paris and noted a tree inventory has been taken which outlines tree removal and replacement on this project. She noted there are several trees that are hundreds of years old which she felt should be saved. A letter was sent to Dmitri regarding this.
4. IWWC Activities – Mary Ellen Lemay noted the permit was approved for the Trail.
5. Single Stream Recycling/Composting Project -- Discussion was held regarding the purchase of composters and digesters by the town. Jim Sullivan noted that the Commission should start getting the word out about this project. Scot Kerr will be placing posters over the samples located in the town hall. Projected delivery date is late August/early September. A press release will be

written. Units will be \$30 for the composter and \$50.00 for the green cone. Jim Sullivan reviewed the results of the survey. He noted that more information needs to be posted on Facebook. It was also suggested that the commission participate in more events for exposure and create a banner to be used when members are at these events. Mary Ellen noted there are still individuals outside the commission who are interesting in helping with recycling.

6. GIS – No update. The new planner had her system updated. There has not been any training for the public.
7. Natural Resource Inventory/Open Space GIS Map – Don Watson noted this should be part of the discussion with the new planner as this is very important. Discussion was held regarding wetlands and flooding concerns.
8. Courtyard Habitat and Tree Planting -- No report. Scot Kerr will have the pergola stained. The committee is waiting for United Way to provide volunteers to complete the project in the fall.
9. Materials Management Summit – June 12 -- Attended by Robin Bennett, Scot Kerr and Mary Ellen Lemay. Included lectures on composting and recycling programs. It was noted that the mattress recycling plant opened in Bridgeport but is currently only taking recycling from hotels/motels and schools. Book recycling is also an option to raise money.
10. Sewer Cross Country Remediation Plans – No report.

New Business

1. Discussion was held regarding the Twin Brooks meadow/grassland remediation project. Dmitri Paris has request the Conservation Commission to develop signs which explains what is happening in the area. Don Watson noted that grasslands are a source of concern in the state. Removal of invasive plants was discussed and it was felt that herbicides, if used appropriately, should not affect the wetlands. Don Watson spoke on the habitat in the area and felt that this aspect should also be considered when implementing this project. Joanne Parson agreed to speak with a representative from the arboretum in Stamford to see if they could give the commission some guidance.
2. Mary Ellen Lemay noted the Trumbull Land Trust is dissolving. The trust includes approximately 50 acres of land which is being deeded to the town as open space. The Conservation Commission will have jurisdiction over the land. They are woodlands or wetlands which require no maintenance. Any safety issues will be addressed by the town. These properties are listed on the GIS.
3. Mary Ellen Lemay stated she would be attending school in the fall. Scot Kerr will continue working on recycling as well as help with running meetings. Don Watson will continue to follow the bike trail project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next meeting will be held August 23, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk