

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, October 24, 2012  
7:30pm  
Council Chambers

**Present:** Scot Kerr, Acting Chairman; Joanne Parsons; Dale Parsons; Don Watson

**Absent:** Mary Ellen Lemay; Jim Sullivan; Kate Bruzinski

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the Acting Chairman.

**Past Minutes**

It was moved by Don Watson, seconded by Joanne Parsons to approve the minutes of September 26, 2012 as posted. Approved unanimously.

**Administrative**

1. The Annual Commissioners Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Trumbull High School.
2. Scot Kerr noted that a special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2012 at the Helen Plumb building to discuss the Plan of Conservation & Development
3. Don Watson distributed a pamphlet from Trout Unlimited relating to buffer improvements.

**Project Updates**

1. Old Mine Water Plantings – Joanne Parsons had no update.
2. Bridgeport Regional Task Force – Don Watson noted that he is the appointee from the Conservation Commission to the Conservation Technical Advisory Committee which is part of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council. This committee meets monthly at the Beardsley Zoo. Topics for discussion include streamside buffers and flood mitigation. Their next meeting will be November 19. He noted funding is available for projects that are being discussed at the committee level.
3. IWWC Activities – Joanne Parsons gave a report on the application for 70 Old Dike Road. This is on the agenda for Inland Wetlands in November. Pinewood Lake representatives have been contacted for input. A draft statement was read to the commission that will be presented at the next Inland Wetlands meeting. Discussion was held regarding various parts of the application including the dock. Don Watson noted

that the Conservation Commission is responsible for the scientific background surrounding applications and provides input to these applications brought to the IWWC. It was felt by the Conservation Commission that the application is in violation of the Inland Wetlands regulations. Don Watson moved to approve the recommendations with clarification and editorial changes made as discussed. This document will be delivered to the IWWC and also read into the minutes at their November meeting. Motion seconded by Dale Parsons, unanimous. Edits to the document will be forwarded to the commission members prior to the IWWC meeting.

4. Single Stream Recycling – Scot Kerr noted that post cards have been sent to the residents of Trumbull regarding single stream recycling. Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for November 3 at Indian Ledge Park. He also noted that he is working with Robin Bennett to develop a spread sheet to track the tonnage from the haulers of recyclables. This information needs to be refined to detail accurate information.
5. Materials Management Summit – Mary Ellen Lemay, Scot Kerr and Robin Bennett attended the DEEP summit. It was noted that several communities are struggling with the same issues. A change needs to be made with regard to waste collection and charges. However, this would require funding to update the haulers to be able to pick up the large containers. Scot requested that any problems be directed to Robin for resolution.
6. Pequonnock River Trail – Discussion. Scot Kerr noted that the Town Council approved the funding for the trail on Quarry Road and that the state is responsible for the project that runs through Trumbull Center and around the highways.
7. Sewer Cross Country Remediation Plans – No update.
8. Tree Ordinance Status – Joanne Parsons noted that she received an email from Jamie Bratt suggesting that a meeting be set up to discuss this. Tentative meeting dates will be forwarded to her.

### **New Business**

1. Plan of Natural Resources and Open Space Outline – Don Watson spoke on the natural resource inventory and its place in the Plan of Conservation & Development. Suggestions for inclusion in the plan included: (1) what is the role of the Conservation Commission; (2) what is the natural resource inventory and (3) what is the role of the Plan of Conservation and Development. A presentation was made to the commission on the Natural Resource Inventory developed in Guilford. It was noted that the following should be included in the Trumbull plan:
  - a. Appoint NRI Task Force and Advisors Group
  - b. Meet with Jamie Bratt to coordinate NRI with Trumbull POCD
  - c. Compile GIS for DEEP – data, maps, narrativesDon Watson noted that a task force needs to be appointed to work on the key recommendations of the POCD and the natural resource inventory. This task force should consist of various committee members and volunteers from the community who are experts in these areas. Don Watson moved that the Conservation Commission appoint a NRI task force group of commission members and advisors to undertake the project. Seconded by Joanne Parsons; unanimous. Don Watson and Joanne Parsons agreed to lead this task force as chair and co-chair respectively.
2. GIS capabilities relative to NRI – Richard White presented to the commission GIS mapping. Several GIS layers were reviewed including hydrology, traffic information,

flood and steep slope, wetlands, soils, agriculture, zoning overview, open space, forest, mixed land, census data, and population. Lengthy discussion of data, data codes, and flood maps. Don Watson noted there are grants available for GIS work. Training was discussed and it was noted that this could be included in the POCD.

3. Joanne Parsons noted that she attended the National Organic Farm Association Workshop. Don Watson suggested that the Conservation Commission sponsor possible future presentations by experts who were at the Workshop which is very pertinent to the work currently being done by the Conservation Commission and invite Park & Recreation, Planning & Zoning and IWWC members to participate.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Joanne Parsons moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm. Seconded by Don Watson. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk