

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, September 25, 2013  
7:00pm  
Nichols Room

**Present:** Commissioners Mary Ellen Lemay, Don Watson, Jim Sullivan, Joanne Parsons. Also present Tim Coughlin and Jesse Jablon (entered at 7:10pm)

**Absent:** Scot Kerr, Dale Parsons and Kate Bruzinski

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Lemay. Mrs. Lemay introduced Kim Saltus, Senior Account Manager, and Chris Farren, Northeast Region Manager, from Noresco who gave a presentation regarding energy performance contracting. Ms. Saltus noted her position is to promote and help implement Public Act 1180. This is an initiative by the state to reduce energy usage by 10% this year and another 10% by 2018. This act was passed approximately two years ago but energy efficiency services have been in the market since 1984 and have recently become popular.

Discussion was held regarding the Conservation Commission's mission within the town. Mrs. Lemay noted the commission addresses several environmental issues within the town. Additional discussion regarding the process of energy performance contracting was held which includes identification, design engineering, construction commissioning, measurement and verification operations and maintenance. It was noted that energy savings pay for the project with the initial audit identifying needs for energy savings.

Mr. Jablon left the meeting at 8:00pm.

It was agreed that Mrs. Lemay would present this information to Mr. Marsilio to discuss what has been done in the past two years with regard to energy savings and to identify any additional needs.

**Past Minutes:** It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2013 as written. Unanimous.

**Calendar Updates**

Mrs. Lemay noted the following:

1. Solarize CT presentation was held on September 22, 2013. There were approximately 125 people present. The company is looking for 40 signed contracts combined from the three towns – Easton, Redding and Trumbull.

Mr. Coughlin left the meeting at 8:24pm.

2. Hazardous Mitigation Workshop held on September 24, 2013 was very informative with both teams concluding that trees are a main concern.

### **DEEP #319 Grants**

Mr. Watson noted they have been informed verbally that the grant money has been awarded for the Old Mine buffer #2 but the letter has not been received from DEEP. He also noted the project for 2013-2014 was complicated and a decision could not be made in a timely fashion.

### **Tree/Landscape Preservation Ordinance**

Mr. Watson noted the draft was given to Mrs. Wang to work on the language. Mrs. Lemay added additional references which could be used in the language of the document. Jamie Bratt has requested information on green infrastructure regarding conservation issues to be handed out to the developers.

Additional discussion regarding the Hazard Mitigation Workshop was held. The purpose of the workshop was to prioritize hazards/problems in the town. Other areas identified in addition to trees were flood areas and weather events. It was noted that there is a need for a tree maintenance plan. Mr. Watson will send to the commissioners a report with recommendations from the State of CT regarding tree management. He will also forward other websites with additional information on tree maintenance. The commission could develop a comprehensive plan with educational materials which include recommendations made by Mrs. Bratt. Mr. Watson suggested the commission review these documents and make recommendations for public education. Storm water management was discussed.

### **Land Trust Property**

Commission reviewed a map of the land trust properties. All properties have been walked. Discussion was held regarding the role of the Conservation Commission with these properties. Volunteer groups could be an important resource. Funding was discussed which could be used for various projects as well as development of plans to maintain the areas and replanting. Mr. Watson suggested that Mrs. Lemay draft a document as to what the Conservation Commission would do with these parcels. Neighborhood stewardship was discussed.

### **IWWC**

No concerns.

### **Natural Resource Inventory**

Mr. Kerr has the list of properties that should be reviewed. Mr. Watson noted he has started with the passive parcels.

**Rooster River Watershed Based Plan**

Mr. Watson noted this plan has been approved and forward to the commission for review. Projects have been identified and the value of the plan opens us up for 319 funding.

**Next Meeting**

It was agreed by the commissioners present that a meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7pm. November meeting will be November 7, 2013 in the Tashua Room.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk