

*Conservation Commission*  
*Sherman, Connecticut*



August 10, 2011

The Conservation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM on August 10, 2011.

Present: Joe Keneally, Chairman, Geoff Gwyther, Colette Shulman, Linda Yannone  
Helen Bray, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motions were made to approve the following minutes:

Linda made a motion to approve the minutes dated March 9, 2011 seconded by Colette.  
Colette made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 13, 2011 seconded by Geoff.  
Geoff made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 11, 2011 seconded by Linda.  
All motions were moved.

In the July 13, 2011 minutes Joe made a correction in the spelling of Joanna's last name. It is Wozniak. Since most of the commissioners were not present at this meeting Joe filled them in. Joanna is interested in joining the CC. She lives on Chapel Hill Road and works for an environmental company. Joe said that she will be joining the commission but was unable to attend this meeting.

Linda and Colette were interested in the Ecological correspondence written about in the July 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Joe gave them a copy. Colette mentioned she read an article about housing being built around farms and thought this company might be involved in this sort of thing.

Since Pat and Joe were the only commissioners at this meeting the minutes will be approved when Pat is at a meeting.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Colette wanted to know if the committee for Conservation & Development has been heard from. Joe answered he has not directly heard from them. Colette felt the CC should receive a copy of the final report before it goes to public hearing.

Joe commented on the letter he wrote to P & Z dated May 31, 2011. In it he mentioned conservation and low impact development but has not heard anything back.

There should also be a farming ordinance and possibly a farm commission, but when the CC got the farmers together they did not seem interested in forming a group.

### MUNCH MEADOW

Joe gave a summary of what went on during the attempt to have Munch Meadow approved for a vegetable garden. First there was wetlands approval then P & Z told Joe he had to do an A24 for change of use. Joe explained to P & Z that all he wants is a garden, a fence, dig a hole for a well and a shed for tools. Not asking for a driveway. When Joe suggested the kids from school, that will care for the garden, can walk there, people thought this was much too dangerous and suggested the children walk to the gardens next to Holy Trinity church. The application was denied by P & Z unanimously.

The school suggested using the land behind the school. Joe received approval from Iroquois to use the money from the grant at this new location. Joe handed over the file to Linda to carry on with this project.

Joe will write a letter to Iroquois explaining the new garden and will probably have to return some money since there will be no need for a well.

### TOWN MEADOWS


Joe would like to schedule a public walk at Town Meadows so people can see the work Jim Munch did and the trails he created. A walk was scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> a 10 AM, meeting at Volunteer Park. Rain date is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Joe suggested an article in the papers with before and after pictures with a biography on Jim. Linda will write it up.

**Firehouse** - Linda told the commission that she and Geoff did the planting around the firehouse.

There being no further business Linda made a motion to adjourn seconded by Geoff. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  Helen Bray, Clerk  
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