

*Conservation Commission*  
*Sherman, Connecticut*

October 12, 2011

The **Conservation Commission Meeting** was called to order at 7:24 PM on October 12, 2011.

Present: Joe Keneally, Chairman, Ashleigh Blake, Arthur Crane, Colette Shulman, Joanna Wozniak  
Helen Bray, Clerk

Guest: Karen Facey

Karen Facey sent a letter expressing her interest in joining the Conservation Commission. Before the meeting opened Joe summarized, for Karen, some of the past activities of the CC and suggested she obtain a copy of the *Handbook for Connecticut Conservation Commissions*.

**PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Collete brought up the POCD and she would like to know the plan for the next ten years. Barbara Ackerman told Colette that Mark Weber is drafting some language for the plan but he has been away for some time. When complete Barbara will show it to Colette but Colette feels the commission should also see it. Joe thought CC should attend their workshop meetings and mentioned that POCD is working on conservation zoning. The P & Z regulations will need something on cluster zoning if senior housing is considered.

**ENERGY TASK FORCE**

Joe would really like to see the CC get back on to the Energy Task Force. Joanna mentioned the Kent Energy Task Force is very active. West Cornwall is number one in the state having the most sign-ups for renewable energy. Joe thought the CC should talk to Tony of the Northwest Conservation District and so he will invite him to the next meeting. There was an attempt made to form an Energy Task Force in Sherman but no one was interested so the CC made it part of the commission.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Joanna mentioned a meeting being held in November. The meeting is a training session, sponsored by CACIWC, for wetlands and conservation commissions being held in Wallingford. Joe encouraged her to go and he will ask Ruth for a ticket.

**Garden** - Ashleigh asked about the garden that was turned down at Munch Meadow. Joe said that it is being relocated to the rear of the school

**Farming** - Colette was interested in the status of farming in Sherman and where Happy Acres is going. The foundation for Happy Acres is still being looked into - does it exist, has it been established and who is on it?

A few years back the CC attempted to get the local farmers together and they attended a few meetings, but were not interested in getting together as a group.

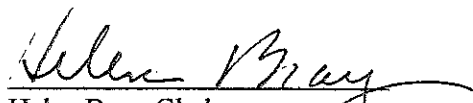
**Website** - Joe suggested the CC have a website with the first step being a local farm map. Also, the Energy Task Force.

Karen mentioned there is a training session at White Memorial in Litchfield for geothermal, all on federal grant money for training building officials, fire marshals, etc. They will be doing another one for wind energy. Also the tax credit will be running out in 2011. There are few places in Connecticut that would work for wind energy but Colebrook is being considered.

There being no further business Art made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ashleigh and so moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Helen Bray, Clerk  
Conservation Commission