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ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Agricultural Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday January 10, 2017, at 7:12PM.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Vose took the roll.

Present were Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Kneiss, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall and Commissioner Cote

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary.

Absent – Commissioner McGuire and Commissioner and Commissioner .

Chair LaPlante empowered Commissioner Kneiss to be a voting member at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of October 11, 2016 was made by Commissioner Kneiss seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall. passed unanimously – 5/0/0

Fix Vose's name, fix McGuire's name listed twice, only the November meeting was held on Wednesday, colons between times, minutes were approved for November and October, just not signed by the Secretary.

Old Business – Commissioner Cote explained the site visit that took place by the Commission at the Elm and Shaker open space property. It is overgrown and the barn on the property is in severe need of repairs. There is one portion of the property that is not overgrown that could be a good spot for a Community Garden. There would need to be cooperation with the Walgreens which is in front of the property blocking the access. There are wetlands on the property. If the Commission wanted to get something up and running quickly on that property, then a subcommittee should be created. The Commission discussed the need to bring water supply to the property in order to open a community garden. Commissioner Cote suggested a two-step process to utilizing this property. The first step could be to get the smaller, cleared space on the property up and running as a community garden. Chair LaPlante suggested having the soil tested on the site.

Commissioner Kneiss explained the meeting from the previous week regarding the Connecticut Water Company property located on Enfield Street. She explained that within a couple weeks the Director of Planning would have more information regarding what was under the wells on the property.

New Business – Chair LaPlante explained that there were some new items upcoming on the IWWA agenda. Discussion took place regarding 157 South Road and 33 Post Office Road.

Public Input – None

Correspondence – Chair LaPlante explained that the Commission received a handout regarding a community garden grant through the NCDHD. Commissioner Cote explained that the Director of Planning sent a Sustainable Connecticut seminar series invitation for seminars coming in the next few weeks.

Liaison reports – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that the Economic Development Commission meeting is tomorrow morning. Commissioner Cote stated that there was no meeting for the Scantic River Watershed Association. Look into what is on the website for Conservation and Agricultural Commissions and Economic Development.

Tabled Items – None

Executive Session – Vose made a motion, seconded by Pfeifer-Hall, to go into executive session. 4-1-0 with Cote voting against. 8:00PM.

Chair LaPlante calls the meeting to order at 8:25PM. No votes were taken or decisions made.

Commissioner LaPlante explained that the Conservation Commission is not being consulted in the buying/selling of property. The Conservation Commission would like to write a letter to the Town Manager and the Town Council advising them of their directives of the Conservation Commission and that they need to refer the potential purchase, sale, or swapping of land with the Conservation Commission.

Commissioner Cote made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, to adjourn. The motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM