

**TOWN OF HADDAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM
WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2014
APPROVED MINUTES
*Approved as Amended at the 24 September 2014 Meeting***

ATTENDANCE

X	Walter Bragoni, Vice Chairman
A	Ian Gibson
X	Mardi Hanson-d'Alessandro
X	Gail Reynolds, Chairman
A	Deb Umba
X	Tom Worthley
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mardi Hanson made a motion to approve the 27 August 2014 agenda as submitted. Tom Worthley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Tom Worthley made a motion to approve the 28 May 2014 minutes as submitted. Mardi Hanson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Old Business

a. Open Space

Geo-Referencing of Conservation Easements – Mrs. Reynolds reported that she has spoken to Joel Stocker, UConn Extension, in regard to geo-referencing and he provided instruction on how to use more efficient geo-referencing in ArcView.

Lower Connecticut River Land Trust Exchange Group - Mrs. Reynolds reviewed a draft document and mapping. A brief discussion followed in regard to targeting local Land Trusts and having them cooperate over town lines and to coordinate their efforts.

b. Budget

Mrs. Reynolds reported that she submitted the \$100 membership fee to the Connecticut Land Conservation Commission (CLCC) out of last year's budget and that the Commission has \$1,000 for the current fiscal year.

c. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update

Mrs. Reynolds briefly discussed how the Land Trust Exchange document may contribute to the update of the POCD.

d. Higganum Center Master Plan

Mrs. Reynolds reported that Liz Glidden, town planner, has indicated that she will attend the Commission's September meeting. Mrs. Reynolds reviewed an email from Mrs. Glidden indicating that Melissa Schlag, first selectman, would rather see a Haddam Plan rather than one specific to Higganum Center. Mrs. Reynolds will speak to Ms. Schlag in regard to this matter. Mr. Worthley noted that a master plan for Higganum Center would be beneficial as the Center is unique unto itself.

7. New Business

a. Communications/Publications/Correspondence

Mrs. Reynolds distributed copies of The Habitat and the Connecticut Audubon State of the Birds Report.

b. Haddam Neck Fair

Mrs. Reynolds will be manning the Land Trust booth on Sunday, 31 August. If anyone else is interested in assisting, she suggested they contact Peter Smith, Haddam Land Trust.

c. Haddam River Days

Mrs. Reynolds reported that a concert will be held on the Higganum Green after the Farmers' Market on Friday, 5 September, and that there will be fireworks only at the Haddam Meadows on Saturday, 6 September (rain date Sunday, 7 September).

8. Land Use Dept. Report

Mrs. Batzner reported that the summer has been quiet and there was nothing to report at this time.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Walter Bragoni made a motion to adjourn. Mardi Hanson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bunny Hall Batzner

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 24 September 2014.