

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM  
WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2015  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Attendance was taken.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Walter Bragoni moved to approve the 28 October 2015 agenda as submitted. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Correction to the 30 September 2015 minutes: page 2, first paragraph, third line – change “has” to “have”.

**MOTION:** Ian Gibson moved to approve the 30 September 2015 minutes as amended. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Open Space**

**Geo-Referencing of Conservation Easements** – Mrs. Reynolds introduced Manon LeFevre. Ms. LeFevre reported that there were 45 parcels with easements and that some had multiple pictures, therefore, she created multiples of each one. Mrs. Reynolds explained that the information was from survey maps that had been copied making them difficult to read. Ms. LeFevre stated that work was done in a Tagged Image File Format (Tiff) and that the data can be exported to create a different format;

however, it tends to distort the image. Mrs. Reynolds asked if she can use the information as a layer. Ms. LeFevre stated yes, and provided a list of all the easements. Ms. LeFevre stated that if any discrepancies are found, to let her know and she will fix them. Mr. Bragoni asked how long it took to complete the project. Ms. LeFevre stated about a month. Ms. LeFevre noted that the map was created using ArcMap 10.1.

The Commission thanked Ms. LeFevre for all her work.

**Audubon Society** – Mrs. Reynolds reported that she has been contacted by the Audubon Society to lobby at the state capitol to implement the conveyance tax on small real estate transactions that will go into an open space fund. Mrs. Reynolds indicated that the Commission would support the matter, but that it was unclear as to whether the town would support it. A meeting is scheduled next week at the DeKoven House, Middletown. Mrs. Reynolds stated that once legal at the state level, each town would need to pass it.

**Haddam Land Trust (HLT), Moody Property** – Mrs. Reynolds reported that the HLT is still waiting to sign the purchase agreement for the 130 acre parcel.

## **b. Budget**

Mrs. Reynolds reported that the Commission has \$1,000 and believes that the only item paid out of this amount has been to the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC).

## **c. Higganum Cove – Ribbon Cutting/Picnic Celebration – Saturday, 3 October 2015**

Mrs. Reynolds reported that she was unable to attend. Mrs. Batzner reported that the event was recorded and being televised on Channel 18.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Communications/Publications/Correspondence**

None.

## **8. Land Use Dept. Report**

Mrs. Batzner reported on the following:

**5 Ledge Road, Hidden Lake, Cease and Desist Order** – The Wetlands Commission rescinded the Cease and Decease Order and approved the plan that was presented by Joseph Rini, attorney representing Elke Hoppenbrouwers, owner, and Joseph Mingoello, agent for Ms. Hoppenbrouwers.

**Steve and Michele Wytas, One Lot Resubdivision, Plains Road** – P&Z approved the one lot resubdivision on Thursday, 1 October 2015, and that there's approximately three acres of open space.

**Signage Review** – P&Z has asked the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to specific types of signage for the Village District.

## **9. Announcement**

### **Farmers' Winter Market – Sunday, 22 November 2015, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Community Center**

Ms. Hanson asked if a December market has been scheduled. Mrs. Reynolds reported that due to poor attendance in the past, no December market was scheduled.

**November Meeting** – The Commission agreed to cancel the November meeting. As there is no meeting scheduled for December, the next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, 27 January 2016.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mardi Hanson moved to adjourn. Walter Bragoni second. 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, 27 January 2016.**