

Woodstock Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26, 2009

Time: 7:30pm

Meeting Room A

Members present: J. Pillo, H. Hartland, M. Fraga, L. Wesler, Suzanna Dwyer, Grace Jacobson(alternate)

Members of Public: Crystal Adams

Pillo seats alternate, Grace Jacobson.

Minutes of December 2008 accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Medora explains that we had a starting operating budget of \$914.00, minus \$90.00 for seminar fees leaves that log at \$824.00. Fraga notes there are also outstanding claims in the amounts of: \$42.21(digital recorder), \$50.00 (forestry seminar). The passbook balance is \$1737.57.

The commission votes on and approves the treasurer's report.

Communications: Copy of report from the State of Connecticut regarding Rogers corp. request to dump waters into Muddy Brook from sprinkler system purging.

Received new copy of *The Habitat*

Old Business:

Development Review Committee: Re-reviewed YMCA camp intention to inject underground waters into Bungay Lake. Reviewed a proposed four lot subdivision of Route 171. For more details please refer to minutes from DRC meeting, January 2009. Medora asks Lee if the information regarding the DRC's comments can be included in the Inland/Wetlands monthly packets. *Action:* Jean to contact Mark Parker and ask about the timeline necessary for including WCC DRC comments in IWWA packets and then follow up with Tina to let her know to do so.

OSLA&APC Report: No report.

Vernal Pools: Grace explains how she is still awaiting data from Cheryl. Training for citizen volunteers is available at the Audubon in Pomfret with Paula Coughlin at \$7.00 per student. The WCC plans to advertise the need for volunteers on the bulletin boards at local merchants as well as possibly in Bet's column in the *Villager*. Bet and Jean plan to incorporate

a volunteer's section on the commission's website. Jean proposes the WCC refund any volunteers training fees once they are active participants in the program. The motion is carried and approved unanimously. The WCC will reimburse the \$7 fee for all students with a cap at \$150.00. (approximately 21 students) Grace mentions regulating letter of vernal pools that Pomfret uses and requests Woodstock adopt same policies. *Action:* Medora to bring letter to IWWA and attempt to gain approval for adoption of said regulating policies.

Source to Sea Event at Roseland Park: Jean gave a brief overview of events planned and asked Lee of the progress he made procuring entertainment for the event. Lee is confident of the talent appearing but needs to find out if they will be paid. He also inquired as to whether or not the town's political parties will be allowed to participate. *Action:* Jean to contact the Roseland Park committee and ask their stance of this.

APOSC/online format: Tabled to next meeting.

Conservation Easements: Hope noted how she had changed slightly the current CE Monitoring manual and will disburse copies to members highlighting changes. She also commented on the need for help to do site walks this spring. She continues to be available for builders needing markers placed on properties every Thursday 9:00am – 6:30pm.

New Business: 2009/2010 budget: The commission debated numerous needs for the upcoming fiscal year and agreed upon the following:

- \$150.00 for maintenance of the WCC website
- \$150.00 for reimbursement training for Vernal Pools
- \$45.00 CACIWC membership
- \$400.00 for member training
- \$169.00 for outreach materials

The budget was voted upon and approved unanimously.

CC By-laws: The commission unanimously approved to accept the current by-laws as written.

Jean Pillo was nominated, and voted as **Chairperson** of the WCC.

Hope Hartland was nominated, and voted in as **Vice-chairperson** of the WCC.

Medora Fraga was nominated and voted in as **Treasurer** of the WCC.

The position of **secretary** will be appointed *pro tempore* to alternate **Grace Jacobson**.

Subcommittee assignments:

DRC: Lee and Jean will send out request to all members urging participation in this very important subcommittee.

Vernal Pools: Grace actively recruiting citizen volunteers.

Conservation easements: Medora volunteered to assist Hope on the subcommittee.

Osla&APC liaison: Hope to contact David Lee Volz and inquire on his willingness to take on this position.

Forestry: Suzanna Dwyer eagerly accepts position.

Open Discussion: Suzanna discussed the upcoming Green Energy meeting with Sterling Planet and CL&P. Also, communications with municipal schools to move towards solar energy.

Jim Stratos is creating a entire website dedicated to clean energy.

Grace informed the commission of a workshop on march 19th at CCSU in New Britain sponsored by COEEA geared towards educators.

Lee mentioned the grant application for 2 wind turbines installed. He asked Hartland to attend in his absence the CC Consortium's meeting this Thursday at Wolf Den in Brooklyn at 7:00pm.

Public participant Cheryl Adams explained her interest in the commission with a desire to possibly join. The WCC members strongly encourage her to apply.

Chairwoman Jean Pillo adjourns the first meeting of 2009 at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hope Hartland

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