

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2016**

PRESENT:

**Art Christian
Glenn Neilson
Norm John Noble
Ray Wilcox
Pat Reilly
Andy Krar
Elizabeth Fanous**

CONSULTANT: **Keith Morris**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7:00 P.M.

Chairman Art Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda. Alternate member Elizabeth Fanous was appointed as a voting member.

Commissioner Andy Krar made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, to move Public Comment to first on the agenda. The motion was made and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gerry Bland of 84 Poole Road addressed the Commission. He has been told by abutters that two lots down the road are going to be cleared this week for development. These lots have previously been declared unbuildable until sewer was installed along Poole Road a few years ago. Mr. Bland is concerned that valuable wetland areas will be lost. Consultant Morris stated that he responded to numerous emails over the weekend from another abutter also saying that the land was going to be clear-cut over the weekend. Earlier today Mr. Morris stated that he met with the owner of the two lots. The owner said that his intentions are to develop the two lots but at this point he is having them surveyed and has a soil scientist lined up to delineate any wetland areas. The owner also stated that he is aware of the approval process and will follow it.

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

Permit # 1647 – Baker (owner) – 3 Lot Subdivision – Hill Street. This property is located on the west side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Russell Avenue. Assessor’s Map 28, Block 23, Lot 27.

Consultant Morris stated that this application has been withdrawn and shall be resubmitted at a later date.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Consultant Morris informed the Commission that a walkthrough of the facilities at Sunrise Park was conducted last week. It was attended by himself, Art Christian, Julie Oakes and John Cloonan of Public Works, Mark Cervione of the Highway Department, First Selectman Melissa Mack, and Parks Superintendent Tom Drakeley. He then handed out a list of comments compiled by the Public Works department as a result of the inspection. A lengthy discussion followed. It was decided that Mr. Drakeley will be invited to the June 28, 2016 meeting of the Commission and the inspection will be discussed with him in Executive Session. Alternate member Fanous then updated the Commission on her research regarding a sticker policy at the Park and charging a fee for out of town people that wish to use the Park. Consultant Morris then updated the Commission on the dock at White's Pond. He met with a contractor who stated there was no easy or inexpensive way to repair the dock. A discussion followed and it was decided that Consultant Morris will look into the cost for shortening the dock.

Consultant Morris then went over several cost estimates for work at the Park. After discussion, the Commission asked that he request more detail on the estimates.

Consultant Morris then updated the Commission on several violation letters that he sent out. They were for potential violations on Newgate Road and South Grand Street. He also got a call regarding construction of a pond on Mountain Road. He will meet with the property owner next week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2016 MEETING

Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to approve the minutes as written. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Krar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Noble. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary