

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2016**

PRESENT: Art Christian
Glenn Neilson
Norm John Noble
Ray Wilcox
Pat Reilly
Andy Krar
Brian Benito (7:00 P.M.)

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT: Tom & Maryfran Drakeley

CONSULTANT: Keith Morris

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Art Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Sunrise Park

The Commission went into executive session at 6:33 P.M. and came out of the session at 6:55 P.M. with no votes taken. Chairman Christian stated that the progress of the gatekeepers at the Park was discussed and that the Commission will review the information compiled by the gatekeepers. Commissioner Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, to have the Park Superintendent continue to compile data through the Labor Day weekend. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Parks Superintendent Tom Drakeley presented his report to the Commission. Mr. Drakeley again thanked the Commission for the new truck given to him by the highway department. He submitted several donation checks for the Park to Consultant Morris for processing. The chapel is painted and the pavilion is booked weekends until November. Water testing was done by several agencies to determine the reason for a recent fish kill at White's Pond. All the results came back normal. It is assumed that the fish kill was the result of a lack of oxygen in the water due to the shortage of rain and the hot temperatures. A discussion followed on invasive species in the pond.

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

Permit # 1651 – Suffield Academy (owner) – Dorm Construction– North Main Street. This property is located on the west side of North Main Street, number 185, nearest intersection being Marbern Drive. Assessor’s Map 33H, Block 30, Lots 100 – 104A.

Consultant Morris briefly went over the application and stated that it is complete. He stated that there are no regulated activities proposed so the application could be reviewed administratively if the Commission chose to do so. The applicant is currently making minor revisions to the plan and will be submitting drainage calculations as soon as the revisions are completed.

After discussion Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to accept the application and put it on the September 13, 2016 meeting agenda for review and possible decision. The motion was made and carried unanimously. Consultant Morris will submit the drainage calculations to the Town Engineer for review when they are submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CONSULTANT’S REPORT

Consultant Morris updated the Commission regarding fill being brought in on property on South Stone Street. A representative from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is meeting with the property owner on Thursday. Consultant Morris also informed the Commission of an ongoing logging operation on Warnertown Road. A copy of the logging plan has been submitted to the office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 2016 MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Noble made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary