

East Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2008
Town Hall Meeting Room
Unapproved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Zawisza called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Chairman Peter Zawisza, Members Patience Anderson, Peter Bergan Duncan McNeill, and Allen Petell.

Not Present: Member Michael Brogan.

2. **Communications, Liaison Reports, Committee Reports and Public Comments:**

Communications: Chairman Zawisza informed the members that they were in receipt of a letter from the Middlesex Land Trust. He has a brochure from Ideal Pavers if anyone is interested in pervious surfaces.

Liaison Reports: Mr. McNeill reported on the recent Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes. He updated the Commission on plans for Sears Park and the Airline Trail. The minutes of this meeting are available for review on line and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Ms. Anderson reported on recent Town Council meetings. She reported that a consulting firm had been engaged to review the effectiveness and performance of Town boards, agencies, and commissions. A Lake Improvement Implementation Task Force has been created. It will be composed of one member of the Lake Pocotopaug Commission (LPC), two members of the Town Council, two members of the community at large, and a member of the Friends of the Lake. The minutes of this meeting are available for review on line and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Ms. Anderson reported on the Tri-Board Meeting which was held on Monday of this week. The Town Council, Board of Finance, and Board of Education held its preliminary meeting to discuss preparations for the coming budget preparation. There was a lot of discussion regarding the current economic climate and the need for everyone to tighten their belt. There will be another meeting in January. The minutes of this meeting are available for review on line and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Ms. Anderson reported that she was unable to attend the last LPC meeting. The minutes of this meeting are available for review on line and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Petell reported that he was unable to go to the last IWWA meeting because it had been rescheduled. The minutes of this meeting are available for review on line and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Chairman Zawisza reported that he received a letter from the Town Manager informing him that he would be contacted by the consultant during the week of December 15th regarding the review of the effectiveness of the Conservation Commission.

Public Comments: No comments were made at this time.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of November 13, 2008:

A. November 13, 2008 Regular Meeting: *Ms. Anderson moved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting as written. Mr. McNeill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

A. Review:

A. Application of R & M Logging, Bear Swamp Road, Timber Harvest (agriculture & forestry), planned harvest and removal of timber products – M 32/B 86/L 2 & M 32/B 85/L 4: Denise Morrow of R& M Logging, Willington, was present to discuss the application. The timber harvest will be of all species over 14". The cut zone is approximately 60 to 80 acres. There is a 20' wetlands crossing and they will be using a 30' temporary bridge. They plan on removing about 125,000 board feet. The area was last harvested approximately 35 years ago. The applicant is a Supervising Forest Product Harvester. The species in the area are primarily birch and black and silver oak. They will be using a raffle skidder. They intend to be as minimally invasive as possible and perform the work in the winter while the ground is frozen.

The Commission discussed the project and the location in detail with the applicant. The Commission recommended to the applicant that they put together more information regarding mapping, wetlands, and engineering of the temporary bridge prior to meeting with the IWWA and PZC.

4. Old Business:

A. Inventory/Index of Open Spaces – Public and Private: Chairman Zawisza delivered three maps to the Commission. They discussed the different maps and what each offered. The Commission would like to update these maps with all the open space holdings designated to date. The map must be updated to show all schools, cemeteries, town holdings, aquifers, watersheds, state holdings, open space, land designated PA490, campgrounds, sportsman clubs, and conservation land. The Commission requested that Staff obtain three maps from the UCONN Extension Service. They will use these to update the records and then have maps overlaid with the desired information.

5. New Business:

A. Set 2009 Calendar: *Ms. Anderson moved to accept the meeting date as scheduled in the 2009 Conservation Commission Calendar. Mr. Bergan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

6. **Adjournment:** *Mr. Bergan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Schaub
Recording Secretary