

**MANCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16TH, 2010
7:30 PM**

Members Present: Tom Leone, Frank Belknap, Doug Smith, Pat Clancy, Bill Treadway, Mark Connors and John Weedon.

Matt Bordeaux was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm. The minutes of the last meeting which was held on February 22nd were approved with no exceptions. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Mark Connors and seconded by Doug Smith; minutes were unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Matt Bordeaux presented an application for 964 Middle Turnpike East to be used as a staging area for soil from Bolton Sewer Project. Property owner unaware that permit needed to use dirt from sewer project to grade his property.

Matt presented an application for 612 Keeney Street proposing agricultural activities in wetland area.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Brian Murphy from Dept. of Fisheries says brown trout native to Bigelow Brook. Habitat preservation is the focus with evasive plants targeted, the deteriorating dam needs to be addressed along with major clean-up of area behind the Parkade.

REPORTS:

- HRLPC:

Doug Smith submitted the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee minutes; they are attached.

- Bigelow Brook Greenway:

Doug Smith reported that a clean-up day has been scheduled for May 8th focusing on the area behind the Parkade. Volunteers from the Odyssey School to help.

- Case Mountain:
Tom Leone reported that Connor Treadway's Eagle Scout project is completed at the entrance to Case Mt from Case Pond parking area. March 9th brush fire at Case just below the summit contained by Tom Leone and 2 mountain bikers that came along. Fire Dept arrived after 911 call to wet down the area. Spring work crews scheduled along with 2 Eagle Scout projects.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust:
Mark Connors reported that several parcels have been offered to the MLT.
- Rail Trail/Greenway:
Susan Barlow conducted a hike along the Cheney Rail Trail February 28th. Boy Scouts planning work parties at newly created parking lot at Parker St. for Hop River Linear Park Rail Trail.
- Planning and Zoning:
Mark Connors reported that P&Z is looking at reducing the number of parking spaces required for business patrons thereby reducing on a Town wide basis the square footage of pavement.
- Agricultural Task Force:
John Weedon reported that surveys are still coming in from 490 property owners. Meeting is scheduled with Bennett Academy regarding edible landscaping and school gardens. Matt and John will be attending a meeting of The Working Land Alliance. The task force will apply to the Agvocat Grant for support for their activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Matt looked at old plans to create a parking lot for access to Case Mt. open space from last phase of construction off Dennision Ridge Rd. and due to wetland restrictions, on street parking is preferable as a neighborhood access point versus a public parking access point. Plantings will be used to delineate public access from private property.

Doug Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting; Pat Clancy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Leone Jr., Chairman