

**MANCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 27TH, 2009
7:30 PM**

Members Present: Tom Leone, Helen Robbins, Pat Clancy, Frank Belknap, Bonnie Potocki, and John Weedon.

Matt Bordeaux was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm. The minutes of the last meeting which was held on March 16th were approved with no exceptions. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Frank Belknap and seconded by Pat Clancy; minutes were unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Former Conservation Commission chairperson Fred Spaulding spoke to the commission regarding his views on the library expansion project. Commission members asked Matt Bordeaux to research if Center Memorial Park was included in the current Plan of Conservation and Development. No statement regarding the project will be issued until further research and all perspectives are pursued.

Matt Bordeaux mentioned 3 permit applications coming up worthy of discussion: Sonic Restaurant and Buffalo Wild Wings both on Buckland St. and Hartford Distributors expansion. Fairway Crossing still working on acceptable plans.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bonnie Potocki was contacted by Rod Parlee of Bolton Conservation Commission regarding East Coast Greenway continuation and grant.

REPORTS:

- HRLPC:
Doug Smith submitted the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee minutes; they are attached.
- Bigelow Brook Greenway:
Frank Belknap reported major clean-up slated for May 8th.

- Case Mountain:
Tom Leone reported that 2 Eagle Scout projects are about to begin; one project concentrates on erosion control and the other on trail and intersection identification.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust:
Helen Robbins reported that the annual dinner is May 20th with an MCC professor as guest speaker. MLCT has issued a statement opposing the library expansion project.
- Rail Trail/Greenway:
No report.
- Planning and Zoning:
No report.
- Agricultural Task Force:
John Weedon reported that the survey of agricultural properties in the Town is complete and is being analyzed. Community and school gardening being pursued with several schools. John wants to obtain membership in the Livable Communities Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Council.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

John Weedon motioned to adjourn the meeting; Bonnie Potocki seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Leone Jr., Chairman