

**MANCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19TH,
2010
7:30 PM**

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

Matt Bordeaux was also in attendance.

Seth Devalve an MHS Law and Order student audited our meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm. The minutes of the last meeting which was held on September 16th were approved with no exceptions. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Doug Smith and seconded by Mark Connors; minutes were unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Mr. Henry Thomas a landscape architect gave our commission a preliminary overview of the renovations proposed to take place at Highland Park School with a small intrusion on the eastern border of the property into the wetlands buffer zone. As this was a preliminary presentation an erosion control plan had not yet been finalized for presentation. No impervious surfaces are being added to the northern part of the property so any additional runoff into wetlands is not expected. New storm drainage flows will use existing system which will be inspected and evaluated for the additional capacities required.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Matt Bordeaux handed out the latest CACIWC publication.

REPORTS:

- HRLPC:
Doug Smith submitted the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee minutes; they are attached.
- Bigelow Brook Greenway:
Doug Smith included with HRLPC minutes.

- Case Mountain:
Tom Leone reported that trail re-blazing where required will begin and that Eagle Scout candidate Alex Padacinni should be finishing his trail intersection wooden sign post project.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust:
Helen Robbins reported that they were happy with their annual membership drive. Four parcels of land are currently being considered at Meadowbrook subdivision including one that is approximately 18.7 acres.
- Rail Trail/Greenway:
Mark Connors had a discussion about who takes responsibility for upkeep of the rail trails and bike paths. Vernon Park and Rec takes care of and regularly patrols the Vernon Rail to Trails network. Even the East Coast Greenway so heavily used in Manchester does not see regular patrols and maintenance until there is a major problem. Doug Smith suggested asking the Town Manager to speak to us about it.
- Planning and Zoning:
Nothing to report.
- Agricultural Task Force:
John Weedon reported that a draft of the farmers survey report should be ready soon. Talks are continuing with Waddell and Verplank schools about school gardens. John announced that he has created a blog for agriculture in Manchester.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

Frank Belknap motioned to adjourn the meeting; John Weedon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Leone Jr., Chairman