CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MEETING AGENDA
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Lower Level (Basement) Conference Room
725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT
PLEASE NOTE TIME AND LOCATION

Kevin Gumper, Chairman (FM) Catherine O’Donnell, Secretary (FM)
Jennifer Hauhuth (FM) Elizabeth Jones (FM) Richard A. D’Amico (FM)
Felicia B. Watson (FM) Charlie Rowan (FM) Milan Bull (A)
Nelson North (A) Brian McCann (A)

FM = Full Member A = Alternate Member

CALL TO ORDER

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF NECESSARY

I. CONSERVATION
   A. Bills and Communications
      1. H. Smith Richardson Conservation Fund
      3. Approval of Secretary’s Bill for July 17, 2019.

II. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Lake Mohegan Master Plan Update (status).

III. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Conservation Commission Election of 2020 Officers (see terms of officers attached)

IV. INFORMATIONAL
   A. Conservation Crew Work Summary

V. OTHER
VI. ADJOURNMENT

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NOTE: All members of the Conservation Commission are requested to notify the Conservation Department (256-3071) if they are unable to be present. A quorum is necessary to transact business, and your call will be appreciated.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2019

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairfield Board of Education Conference Room, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gumper, Chairman; Jennifer Hauhuth, Vice-Chair; Charlie Rowan; Richard D’Amico (7:08)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine O’Donnell; Felicia Watson; Elizabeth Jones; Milan Bull; Brian McCann

ALTERNATES: Nelson North

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Carey, Conservation Director; Annette Jacobson, Conservation Administrator; members of the public

[N.B.: NUMBERING IN THE MINUTES BELOW CORRESPONDS TO THE MEETING AGENDA, AND REFLECTS THE ORDER IN WHICH ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED.]

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kevin Gumper called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF NECESSARY: Chairman Gumper appointed Nelson North sit as a full member.

I. CONSERVATION

A. Bills and Communications

1. H. Smith Richardson Conservation Fund – The commission acknowledged the status of the fund. Mr. Carey reports that they closed on the Trail Street property, which added another $62,500 into the fund.

2. Approval of Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019: There was unanimous consent from the Commission to approve the Conservation Commission Minutes of June 19, 2019.

3. Approval of Secretary’s Bill for Jun3 19, 2019: There was unanimous consent from the Commission to approve the Recording Secretary’s bill of June 19, 2019.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Request of Attorney Raymond Rizio on behalf of Scinto Thorpe LLC to conduct work within the Town of Fairfield Open Space area/Pine Creek marsh located at 3 Rugby Road, Map 231 Parcel 9, for the purpose of replacing a sanitary sewer line, related to the 185 Thorpe Street development project
Chris Russo, attorney for the property owner, Keith Buda from Pereira Engineering, and Chris Allan, from Landtech, were present. Mr. Russo noted that in December of 2015 the Commission approved a request to remove an encroachment of paved parking area that was on Town open space, remediate fill and provide public access to the Open Space area in connection with a proposed condominium complex. The scope of the project has changed, and a 148-unit independent living facility is now being proposed. As a part of this new application, they are still proposing to remove the pavement encroachment on Town open space, remove fill and provide public access to the Open Space, as well as to replace the sanitary sewer line, but would now like to also add two parking spaces to allow access to the Town open space and to extend the sewer line replacement 135 feet into the Open Space.

Mr. Carey noted that this proposal is similar to the approval that was granted in 2015 by the Commission. The Inland Wetlands Permit Application for the new facility has been received and a public hearing has been scheduled for September 4, 2019. Mr. Carey noted that any questions about the remediation and plantings can be addressed during this public hearing.

There was unanimous consent from the Commission to approve the request to conduct the above-proposed work within the Town Open Space area/ Pine Creek Marsh located at 3 Rugby Road related to the 185 Thorpe Street development.

B. Lake Mohegan Master Plan Update - Mr. Carey reported that he has received a draft of the questions for the survey, which he will review with the Commission. They would like to set up tables outside Lake Mohegan on a Saturday or Sunday later this summer to solicit comments from the public to aide with putting together a recommendation.

III. NEW BUSINESS - none

IV. INFORMATIONAL

A. Conservation Crew Work Summary – Mr. Carey stated that they have been responding to many tree calls after the recent storms. In addition, many ash trees have been dying throughout the region due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, which has been adding to the tree calls. Much of the tree work is within the Open Spaces areas, not on the perimeter, making it harder to access and requiring more time to plan removal.

V. OTHER

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was unanimous consent from the Commission to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Neafsey
TERMS OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

KATHLEEN MAXHAM (D)
See previous appointment history 1998-2002
Appointed as ALTERNATE Dec. 08 to fill remainder of term to Nov 2009
Appointed to full term as a regular member Nov 2009 to Nov 2014
Re-appointed to full term Nov 2014 to Nov. 2019
Resigned Nov. 2018

ELIZABETH JONES (R)
First appointed as ALTERNATE to a full term November 2009 – Nov. 2014
First appointed FULL April 2012 to fill remaining term of Lesser to 2015
Re-appointed to full term November 2015 to Nov. 2020

KEVIN GUMPER (D) (Replaced J. Paul DeMarrais as full member)
First appointed as FULL member November 2010 to November 2015
(previously served as Alternate November 1989-Nov ember 1994 term and was appointed a Full member September 1994 to November 1997)
Re-appointed to full term November 2015 to Nov. 2020

CATHERINE O’DONNELL (D) (Replaced Landon Storrs as a full member)
First appointed as FULL member November 2011 to fill remaining term of Storrs to 2012
Re-appointed to full term November 2012 to Nov. 2017
Re-appointed to full term November 2017 to Nov. 2022

SAMUEL BOYARSKY (D)
First appointed as ALTERNATE, August 2012
To fill vacancy left by Elizabeth Jones’ move to full member
First appointed as Full member June 2013 to replace Letitia Ferguson term to Nov. 2017

FELICIA WATSON (R)
First appointed as ALTERNATE, August 2012 to Nov. 2014
To fill vacancy left by Phil DiGennaro’s resignation
First appointed as Full member November 2013 to replace Frank Rice
Re-appointed to full term November 2018 to Nov. 2023

RICHARD A. D’AMICO (R)
First appointed as ALTERNATE, July 2013 to Nov. 2014
To fill vacancy left by Letitia Ferguson resignation
First appointed as Full member April 2014 to replace Rick Santalesa
Re-appointed to full term November 2018 to Nov. 2023

CHARLIE ROWAN (U)
First appointed as ALTERNATE, April 2014 to fill remainder of Ferguson term to Nov 2014
First Appointed as Full Member November 2017 to replace Sam Boyarsky to Nov. 2022

*JENNIFER A. HAUHUTH (D)
First appointed as ALTERNATE on 5/27/16 to fill remainder of Poincelot term to Nov. 2019
First appointed as FULL member November 2018 to fill remaining term of Maxham to Nov. 2019

*MILAN BULL (U)
See Previous Appointment History 2001-2012
Appointed as ALTERNATE 2/17/16 to fill remainder of James K. Lucey term to Nov. 2019

*NELSON NORTH (R)
First appointed as ALTERNATE on 12/01/17 to fill remainder of Charlie Rowan’s term to Nov 2019

*BRIAN MCCANN (R)
First appointed as ALTERNATE on 4/17/19 to fill remainder of Jennifer Hauhuth’s term to Nov 2019

* APPOINTED AS ALTERNATES

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