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Regular Meeting

Present: William Urban, Chairman
Randy Carroll
Frank Pergola

Absent: John Jones
Tim Holman

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman William Urban.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

Public Session

There was no one present for the public session.

Minutes

Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Mr. Carroll made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct and to table the request for funding from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

1. Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England Registry of Soil Scientists
2. Page 7 from the CTPA News re: Resources in planning for the next storm

Mr. Pergola made a motion to accept all correspondence, dispense with the reading and place on file. Mr. Carroll seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Referrals

Commission discussion was had regarding the proposed amendment to the Coastal Carriers IWC permit. The request is to change the grade on the property.

Chairman Urban stated that this request has not been reviewed as yet by the Inland Wetlands Commission as their meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012.

Chairman Urban is concerned with the water run off and where the water will flow from the site. The parking lot should be pervious and there is concern for the Naugatuck River which is within close proximity to this site.

Any other business to come before the Commission

Chairman Urban discussed the "Tree Care Industry" magazine. He brought a copy for the members to borrow and read. There is an article that explains diseases that affect trees which is very educational and interesting.

Mr. Carroll stated that at the January 10, 2012 Board of Aldermen meeting, Alderman Knapp reported on the Land Trust. He said he spoke with Alderman Knapp after the meeting and he asked Mr. Carroll to attend the Seymour Land Trust meetings and report back to him.

Mr. Carroll said that Alderman Charles Stowe said there is land owned by men in Seymour adjacent to Colony Pond and they will donate this land to the City of Ansonia for Open Space. He said he will find out more information on this and report back to the Commission.

The Bartlett Tree Company was on Fourth Street and they cut the trees growing there. Mr. Carroll said he asked to have the trees trimmed however they were cut and hacked up and not trimmed nicely.

Chairman Urban said that if these are City owned trees they must come before the Conservation Commission and they must POST that the trees will be cut down or

trimmed. He asked Mr. Carroll if the branches and limbs that were cut were obstructing the power lines.

Mr. Carroll said there was no Foreman on the job. He spoke to a worker that was cutting the trees. They cut from the top down the middle to the bottom.

Chairman Urban said that the Conservation Commission should be notified when anyone is cutting any City trees. He asked if it was CL &P or the phone company that was cutting.

There was discussion on who is authorized to cut the trees owned by the City. There were trees all along the street by Ansonia Copper and Brass that were cut down. Mr. Carroll said he was told these trees were removed because they were dying. Chairman Urban said he didn't see any dead trees there.

Planning & Zoning Commission has been proactive with regard to requiring the Developers to plant trees in Subdivisions and Commercial areas. Behind Antonio's along the parking lot a number of trees were planted.

Chairman Urban said especially along Main Street there is thermal inversion that takes placed and that was one of the reasons the Conservation Commission adopted the Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Carroll is concerned with the amount of tree cutting and logging on the State owned property along Rt. 313. He said that no one notified the Conservation Commission that this was going on.

Mr. Carroll said he is planning to attend the next meeting of the Seymour Land Trust. Mr. Pergola said that he would attend also.

Adjourn

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary