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November 17, 2015

Regular Meeting

Present: William Urban, Chairman  
Randy Carroll  
Frank Pergola

Absent: Joseph Cassetti  
John Jones  
Tim Holman

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Urban.

The secretary called the roll. Chairman Urban stated there was a quorum present.

**Public Session**

Chairman Urban asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. He asked three (3) times and there was no one.

Mr. Carroll moved to close the public session. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Minutes**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 regular meeting with the attached clarification letter from Mary Ann (Machowski) Swiatek stating she is a local beneficiary contact not an actual executor. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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## **Bills**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Correspondence**

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

## **Seymour Land Trust**

Mr. Carroll reported on the Seymour Land Trust stating he attended their meeting. He has received the \$100 donation check designated for the Land Trust from the Conservation Commission and he will present the check to President Danka at their meeting this Sunday. He also stated that Finance cannot produce a check for Tarek Raslan ,Friends of Gatison Park for their donation until Mr. Raslan fills out a W-9. He said he has called him three times and Mr. Raslan hasn't gone down to fill out the W-9. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Seymour Land Trust to discuss the menu for the Christmas Party. There will be a Basket Raffle on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carroll said he will donate a basket.

Mr. Carroll said that the Seymour Land Trust will sponsor fireworks on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Chatfield Park next to the Land Trust building. There will be a D.J., Glo-Sticks and food. On December 13<sup>th</sup> the Seymour Land Trust Christmas Party will be held.

Mr. Carroll said he went on a site inspection with Matt McNamara to Bungay Road because there were complaints from the neighbors that someone is dumping garbage and debris on the land trust property. He said he has researched the property at the Seymour Town Hall and has gotten the maps of the property to verify that it is Land Trust property.

Mr. Carroll said he is a Board Member on the Seymour Land Trust Board and he and Mr. Pergola were appointed Wardens for the Land Trust. Mr. Ron Skurat resigned his position from the Seymour Land Trust Board. Mr. Carroll said that President Danka is doing a great job for the Seymour Land Trust.

## **Other business to come before the Commission**

Mr. Carroll said he was visiting Nantucket, MA and went on a Conservation Tour as a representative from the Conservation Commission. He said their rules and regulations are very good and he asked for a copy so Conservation can review them. He said we may receive a letter and the regulations from Nantucket. He asked them to send a copy to the Commission.

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Chairman Urban stated that Massachusetts has By-laws for Conservation. The State of Connecticut does not.

Mr. Carroll stated that he attended the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing on Castle Lane development. They stated they will conduct a site inspection of the site and he asked that they invite the Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission to the site walk. They stated they would do so once they set the date. He said there were no maps of the site available last night at the Public Hearing for this site development. He asked them how they can do anything with no maps of the property and proposed development.

Discussion continued with Chairman Urban explaining the history of Castle Lane. Mr. Carroll and Mr. Stowe plan to attend the Seymour Planning & Zoning Commission meeting because half of Castle Lane is in Seymour and the other half in Ansonia. He said Seymour has never replied to P&Z letters.

Chairman Urban stated that Seymour Inland Wetlands has concurrent jurisdiction on this property also.

Mr. Carroll said that Tom Waldron an adjacent property owner was at the P&Z meeting and his property abuts Abe Stone Park. He owns five (5) acres of land and wants the City of Ansonia to purchase it for Abe Stone Park or have the developers of Castle Lane purchase it. He said he invited Mr. Waldron to attend the meeting this evening to discuss the land as open space. He said he called him and left him a message on his machine.

#### Ct Land Use Book

Mr. Pergola made a motion to re-order the CT Land Use Manual for the Conservation Commission at a cost of \$45 and have it shipped to Frank Pergola, 13 Moulthrop St., Ansonia, CT. Mr. Carroll seconded. All in favor, so carried.

#### Brookside Ave. & N. Main St.

Mr. Carroll stated that he was approached by Alderman Pat Henri asking him to bring up two issues:

1. The wall that crosses over the brook located at Brookside Avenue and N. Main Street is crumbling and is in need of repair.
2. The American Bamboo plant is taking over this area on Brookside Avenue and N. Main Street.

There was discussion on the condition of the wall in this area and that it was repaired some years ago by the City of Ansonia. Chairman Urban said that the City of Ansonia would have to notify DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers before there is any work done on this bridge or brook.

Mr. Pergola said he will go out to the site and take a look with Mr. Carroll before the next meeting. He said after the inspection, the commission can decide what they want to do.

Chairman Urban said whomever goes out to look at the bridge should take pictures of the damage. The last time this was repaired, IWC and Conservation worked hard to resolve the situation in the area. He said at that time he believes there were muskrats in the brook that were causing the damage.

### 2016 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Pergola made a motion to accept the 2016 Meeting Schedule subject to amendment. Mr. Carroll seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Executive Session**

None

### **December Meeting**

Mr. Pergola made a motion to cancel the December 15, 2015 meeting due to the Christmas Holiday. Mr. Carroll seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **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