



**Town of Roxbury
Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting held on 1/14/09**

Attendees:

Members:	Present	Absent	Seated for
Gary Steinman, Chairman	X		
Ron Pizzarelli, Vice Chair		X (on an EMT assignment)	
Cathy Masi, Secretary	X		
Hugh Rawson	X		
Mary van Riper	X		
Cecelia Santillo (A)		X	
David Wolfe (A)	X		Ron Pizzarelli
Trudy Swenson (A)		X	

No Public Attendees

Call to order at 7:12 pm.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2008 were approved as written with one amendment; the "Smart Development" heading should be one paragraph down.

Correspondence:

Copies of the publication "The Habitat" were distributed by Gary Steinman.

Hugh Rawson passed out "business" cards from the Rivers Alliance illustrating the pest, the Asian Longhorn beetle.

Zoning Update:

The Mygatt property is progressing through the approval process.

Shepaug Watershed Activities:

Hugh Rawson reported the dam will be opened this year to give the Shepaug a sufficient water supply. Monies from the CT Community Foundation will be given to the HVA and will be used to fund the gathering of macro invertebrate base line data which will be done in April or May. Testing of the area where new waters will be coming into the Shepaug prior to the first release from the dam will aid in determining the impact on the Shepaug from subsequent releases. Riffle samplings of the tributaries to the Shepaug will be done as well as the river itself. An estimated twenty volunteers, preferably with good eye sight, will be needed. Perhaps the Boy Scouts would want to join the effort.

SMART Development Study Committee:

Gary Steinman reported that the team has studied each category, the village model, the condominium model and the adaptive re-use model to see how current regulations might need to be adjusted.

Roxbury Station:

Ron Pizzarelli was not able to be present.

Content of the Commission's Website:

David Wolfe met with Jean. Items suggested by the Commission to be included on the website were the Open Space Plan, Agendas, Minutes, the Land Use Pamphlet, Events, Volunteers Wanted, Brief History and Objectives of the Conservation Commission.

POCD 2009:

Not enough responses have been received from residents.

2009 Energy Saving Seminar:

Ron Pizzarelli will have the aid of David Wolfe in arranging the seminar.

2009 Schedule of Meetings:

Motion:

By: Hugh Rawson

Second: Mary van Riper

Vote: All in favor

Text: The schedule to be approved as amended with the November meeting to be held on the 4th.

Next meeting will be February 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Roxbury Town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Masi, Secretary

Note: The above minutes are not official until approved by the Commission members at the next meeting.