



**Town of Roxbury  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting held on 6/10/09**

Attendees:

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

Public Attendees: Erika Ketchum

Call to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2009 were approved as written. Since the prior two meetings were not held due to lack of a quorum, it was agreed that members should email the Chair if they would not be in attendance.

Correspondence:

Gary Steinman received notice that the Mygatt property is going before the Zoning Commission with a six lot subdivision. Gary noted this property offers good possibilities for trail extensions to other properties. The owner wants to preserve the high open field.

Chair's Report:

The Chair recommended to the First Selectman that Trudy Swenson be nominated to fill the seat vacated by Ron Pizzarelli. The Commission was in full agreement. Erika Ketchum has an interest in being nominated to fill the vacant Alternate Member seat on the Commission. The Commission's 2008-09 budget remains largely unspent. Possible uses might be trail markers, micro invertebrate sampling equipment such as waders, nets, tweezers, tubs and magnifying glasses. Hugh Rawson will look into the supply of Land Use Pamphlets.

Shepaug Watershed Activities:

After a forty-five minute briefing from Jennifer Gunther of the HVA, two teams of four each collected samples from Steep Rock (as water coming into Roxbury), Hodge Park and Weller's Bridge.

Hugh Rawson read emails from Rivers Alliance regarding the flow monitors which have been installed in preparation for waters to be released from the dam upstream. Hugh recommends micro invertebrate testing twice a year, in the spring and the fall. Gary Steinman would like to see tributary testing as part of the study.

Commission's Website:

David Wolfe reported two links have been added to the Commission website; the Land Use Pamphlet and the Open Space Plan. Gary Steinman has several documents to add to the website such as the Mission Statement, Goals, and the Property Index with dates.

2009 Solar Energy Seminar:

David Wolfe said the State Solar Financial Assistance Program may be reinstated. A lease program of solar equipment is currently available. It was agreed having a seminar to educate the public would be a good idea regardless of funding.

POCD Focus Group Workshops:

Hugh Rawson and Gary Steinman have each attended two workshops. Mary van Riper has agreed to attend the fourth and final workshop. Hugh hopes to see more affordable housing including accessory apartments within existing homes and possible conversion of existing structures, such as barns, in a way that would preserve and protect the landscape.

Election of Vice Chair:

Motion:

By: Gary Steinman

Second: Mary van Riper

Vote: All in favor

Text: To nominate Trudy Swenson as Vice Chair.

Future Agenda Items:

Gary Steinman asked members to contribute ideas for future action.

Extending the trail system

Naming future trails

Solar Seminar

Shepaug updates

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next Commission meeting date is July 8, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Masi, Secretary

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