



TOWN OF ROXBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Town of Roxbury
Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting held on 7/8/09**

Attendees:

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

Public Attendees: none

Call to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2009 were approved as written with one amendment; under POCD Focus Group Workshops, the first sentence should read "Hugh Rawson and Gary Steinman have each attended two of the three workshops."

Correspondence:

Gary Steinman distributed copies of The Habitat to members.

Chair's Report:

Erika Ketchum has joined the Commission as a new alternate member. Trudy Swenson has become a full member and has been elevated to Vice Chair. The Commission spent none of its 2008-9 allocated funds. The budget for fiscal year 2009-10 is \$520. Purchases made must be received in the same fiscal year. Conservation Commission members have been invited to attend a special event in conjunction with the Steep Rock Annual Picnic to celebrate the increased water flow on the Shepaug River. The First Selectman will give David Wolfe a password which will enable him to manage the Conservation Commission's web pages.

Shepaug Watershed Activities:

Hugh Rawson reported Waterbury has installed all the flow equipment but tuning has not been done due to the extreme rainfall and high water levels. The gauges will monitor PH, depth, total dissolved solids and dissolved oxygen. The valves will not be opened until the tuning has been done. Micro invertebrate testing has been hindered by the high water levels.

2009 Solar Energy Seminar:

Discussion tabled to the next meeting.

POCD Focus Group Workshops:

Mary van Riper reported there was no fourth workshop for her to attend, however, there may be future workshops or possibly the town may just go to a public hearing on the POCD.

Next Trail Extension:

The Commission would like to create a new trail in the River Road/Flag Swamp area. Gary Steinman will speak to the Land Trust as to their ideas on the best approach in creating a new trail. Mary van Riper suggested the Commission begin work on a new trail while solving the problem of connecting the Senior Center to Hurlburt Park and possibly the town center. Since ease and safety of traverse is critical, this trail would need to meet special requirements and perhaps grant money could be obtained to this end.

Motion: To add to the agenda of formulating policy issues regarding multi-phase applications submitted to the town commissions.

By: Trudy Swenson

Second: Cecelia Santillo

Vote: Majority rules

Text: To develop a policy statement regarding multi-phase applications to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Commission.

The next Commission meeting date is August 12, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 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.