



TOWN OF ROXBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Town of Roxbury
Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting held on 9/9/09**

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		Trudy Swenson
Erika Ketchum (A)	X		

Public Attendees: none

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2009 were not received by Commission members and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Chair's Report:

On September 12th, the Shepaug River Celebration will take place at Steep Rock. However the Shepaug water release was delayed to September 30th because the gauges have not been calibrated due to overflow.

The Shepaug Coalition.org posts all the data from the micro invertebrate sampling.

Investigation re: Eastern Box Turtle sighting and proposed cell tower:

Erika Ketchum presented the commission with the list from the D.E.P. of endangered, threatened and special concern species on which the Eastern box turtle is named. A description of the turtle's range and habitat accompanied the list. The proposed tower on Perkins Road in Southbury appears to well within the radius of the sighted and photographed Eastern Box Turtle seen on property on Garnet Road. The commission agreed to inform the D.E.P., the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Zoning Commission of the presence of the turtle and proposes the D.E.P. add a new "blob" to the protected species mapping.

Motion:

By: Mary van Riper

Second: David Wolfe

Vote: All in favor

Text: To have Erika Ketchum inform the D.E.P. of the presence of the Eastern box turtle and provide any information required from that department and to inform the Commissions and Barbara Henry.

Policy Issues raised by the Application regarding 160 Baker Road:
Discussion tabled.

Freedom Lawn:

The committee of four has had two meetings and a third is scheduled for September 22nd. David Wolfe suggested incorporating Freedom Lawns into Earth Day and possibly have qualified owners be given signs "I'm a Freedom Lawn" to display. The committee is looking for speakers for a town meeting. Suggestions included Mark Taylor in Southbury and David Blinn of Roxbury.

Annual Report:

Motion:

By: Hugh Rawson

Second: David Wolfe

Vote: All in favor

Text: To accept the draft as presented by Gary Steinman.

2009 Solar Energy Seminar:

David Wolfe talked about having a town meeting possibly in March of 2010. He will check the school schedule and the availability of the Town Hall meeting room.

Plan of Conservation and Development:

Hugh Rawson reported the POCD is up on the town website and all commission members should read it. There will be no more focus groups, only one large town informational meeting.

Trails:

Postponed.

Fall Shepaug River Sampling:

Hugh Rawson said the targeted date is October 10th with October 24th as the backup date. Eight to nine people are needed for about five hours. A training session the morning of the sampling along with implements will be provided. The sampling is intended to provide a baseline for the health of the river. Possible volunteers might be high school students to fill community time, garden club members, land trust members, Eagle Scouts, etc.

The next Commission meeting date is October 14, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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.