

Prospect Conservation Commission  
~~Unapproved~~ Minutes of Meeting  
May 19, 2011

*Approved*  
*6/16/11*

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Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

Members present: Alberto Mimo, Jean Meehan, Harrie Samaskvich, Gary Baldowski.

Members reviewed mail received.

Alberto and Gary discussed the 5/18/11 P & Z meeting they attended. This P & Z meeting asked for public comments to update the Town Plan of Conservation and Development (Plan of C & D). The update to the Plan of C & D is due to be completed by May 2012. Alberto spoke at this P & Z meeting and suggested many topics that currently are not addressed in the Plan of C & D. Alberto told Conservation Commission members the Plan of C & D does not have procedures Town boards and departments should follow when performing their activities. Gary mentioned Map #20 of the Plan of C & D. This map shows a large part of our Town as "conservation area" and believes this is misleading. The Town has no control or use of much of these areas since they are owned by water companies and City of Waterbury. These areas are at risk of being lost as conservation areas if the land owners decide to sell. Alberto stated there will be an upcoming Prospect Pages article in which he asks for volunteers to call him to help our commission. Volunteers could help develop proposals for updating our Plan of C & D.

Alberto noted that the Town of Prospect web site has not been updated for the acceptance of the Open Space Plan which the Town adopted January 2010. The web site currently reports proposed amendments to the Open Space Plan. Jean made a motion that she will contact Town employees to ask that the web site be updated for the January 2010 adoption of the Open Space Plan. Motion seconded by Gary. Vote all in favor. Motion approved

Members reviewed projects completed during the last year which included the development and adoption of the Open Space Plan and the continuing education seminars for Town employees and board members. Members discussed the three educational seminars presented by the Conservation Commission this year and are disappointed with attendance by town employees and board members. To help ensure future seminars are better attended, Alberto will draft ideas for a letter to the Mayor. Conservation Commission members will review the draft and create a letter at our next meeting.

Members discussed projects to start. We would like to become active in the control in non-native invasive species. Harrie made a motion he will contact Bernice Sullivan, Scouting Commissioner of the Boy Scouts to see if we can get volunteers to help start control of non-native invasive species in our Town parks. Motion seconded by Gary. Discussion followed. Members would like to concentrate on the following species: garlic mustard, oriental bittersweet, Japanese Knotweed and Japanese barberry. Vote all in favor. Motion approved.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on June 16, 2011 at Town Hall.

Jean made a motion to adjourn seconded by Harrie. Vote all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Gary Baldowski* *6/16/11*  
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Gary Baldowski  
Recording Secretary

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