

NORWALK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 15, 2003

ATTENDANCE: Matt Caputo, Larry Losio, Marny Smith, Andy Kydes, Ed

Holowinko, Karen DeStefanis, Erin Leonard, Staff

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

Karen motioned to amend the agenda to move Open Space Discussion to the first item. Seconded by Larry Losio, Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

A. OPEN SPACE:

Staff handed out copies of current POD Open Space page; Conservation Commission comments to the Planning Commission from 2002 POCD recommendation, and a spreadsheet listing 2002 O.S. Task Force attributes, Commission objectives from previous discussions, and CACIWC handbook objectives.

Larry said we need to combine the three lists on the spreadsheet and create one sheet of objectives for the Commission. This could best be done individually by the Commissioners.

Larry asked staff to hand out a copy of Shelton's Open Space Definition that Ed had read at last meeting.

Larry said the next step would include creating an inventory.

Larry said we should look at the CACIWC handbook starting on page 19, and figure out what resources we have available.

Larry asked staff to bring an update of our map resources to the next commission meeting.

There was discussion on how the existing open space map was created by P&Z.

Larry asked if Mike Greene from P&Z could attend a meeting to explain the map.

There was discussion as to what types of parcel should be considered. Do we

want public and private land? Does the land need to be vacant? How large should the parcel be? Do we include private parcels with deed restrictions?

The Commission asked staff to look into parcels with deed restrictions and their relation to open space.

Possible discussion in the future may include distinguishing between residential, commercial, and mixed use parcels and their relationship with open space. Should there be different criteria in each group?

Larry left the meeting at 7:35pm.

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Check status of Jane's article.

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Karen abstained. Andy motioned to accept, Ed seconded, motion passed. (Matt, Marny, Andy & Ed)

Ed motioned to adjourn at 7:45pm. Karen seconded, motioned passed.

Meeting ended at 7:45pm.

Minutes taken by Erin Leonard, Conservation Staff