

NORWALK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 16, 2003

Attendance: Matt Caputo, Jane Corcillo, Ann Cagnina, Ed Holowinko, Karen DeStefanis, Susan Llorca, Beth Ackerman, Walter Briggs, Chairman of Planning Commission, Erin Leonard, Acting Senior Environmental Officer

The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Discussion:

The Chairman informed the commission that Larry Losio would not be at the meeting to lead the discussion of open space. Mr. Caputo asked what information Karen DeStefanis had collected from the town of Redding that may be useful in coming up with a plan or guidelines for open space. We have received a copy of the Plan of Conservation and Development as well as the Open Space Plan for the town of Redding.

There was discussion of what resources from a similar city could we gather and use rather than reinventing the process. Staff informed the commission she was hoping to gather plans from Stamford, Milford, Fairfield, and Danbury.

In addition, the commission discussed the previous Task Force Committee and what information they submitted to the former Mayor. Staff passed out some draft guidelines and time frames for the plan that she had on the computer. This information was collected and written by a former Senior Environmental Officer for the City.

Staff recommended that the Commission read it over and see if the draft guidelines meet their needs for an open space plan. The commission should bring comments to the next meeting on September 23, 2003. Susan Llorca asked what type of post acquisition management plan may be incorporated into the plan. Staff will look into some samples from other towns.

Walter Briggs invited the Commission to work on this open space plan and forward a document to the Planning Commission. He also encouraged the Commission to look carefully at subdivision applications and any other referrals from the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission does appreciate all of their comments and tries to incorporate them as conditions of approval when possible.

Jane motioned to approve the minutes with no corrections. Ann seconded the motion. Beth abstained from voting. The minutes were approved.

Jane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm, Karen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.