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**Town of Farmington Conservation Commission**  
**January 20, 2016**

The meeting was held in the Farmington Town Hall, Council Chambers. The following Commissioners were present:

Hannon	Amato
Hinze	Wolf
Isner	Colandrea
Quigley	

Also present:  
Shannon Rutherford – Asst. Town Planner  
Sandra Michaud – Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Hinze.

**2. New Business**

Eversource

Assistant Planner Rutherford provided an update regarding the maintenance project explaining the two-step maintenance process. She asked if the Commissioners would prefer scheduling a site walk of the maintenance areas during the spring or summer. It was the consensus of the Commission to do the site walk during the spring.

**3. Other Business**

Audubon Society

David Radcliffe, CT Audubon, spoke about Project Green Space a property legislative initiative for open space. The Audubon society is seeking municipal support of this initiative. If legislature is adopted by the State then Towns/Cities could choose to collect up to 1% of the purchase price of homes for open space. Some members were in support of the concept and others expressed concern with collecting fund from home buyers only. After further discussion the members agreed to consider whether or not to support the concept at the next meeting.

Application Checklist

No new information.

Land Acquisition Committee Report

Chairman Hinze handed out information to the Commissioners from John Vibert regarding creating an open space zone. The members discussed the hand out.

Chairman Hinze next talked about Lot 8446 Main Gate that the Land Acquisition Committee would like the Commission to consider adding to the Land Acquisition List. This parcel has a significant amount of wetlands and has limited access. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to add Lot 8446 Main Gate to the Land Acquisition List. The motion was voted 6 in favor to 1 opposed (Hannon). Commission Hannon felt because the lot was not contiguous to other Town-owned property the open space would primarily be for the benefit of the property owners adjacent to Lot 8446 Main Gate.

#### **4. Planner's Report**

##### Mattress Recycling Program

Assistant Planner Rutherford provided an update stating she contacted a representative regarding the free mattress recycling program. She is working with Scott Zenke who is working with the waste management company to change the way mattresses are collected in Town. The Town is currently charged \$30 per mattress and box spring by the waste management company to collect them.

##### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The 2016 collection date has been selected for April 30, 2016, the same day as the Annual Clean Up. There was some discussion about getting the word out that the collection will no longer be part of the MDC collection program.

##### Pequabuck River Watershed Planning Group

Assistant Planner Rutherford has participated in a couple planning group meetings and they are looking into conducting another study with regard to water quality as it feeds into the Farmington River. A public information meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2016 at the Town of Bristol Public Library.

##### Appeal

Chairman Hinze asked if there was an update regarding the Calco Construction appeal. No update has been provided to the Town but staff will inquire with the Town Attorney.

#### **5. Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Isner/Hannon) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

SJM