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Town of Farmington Conservation Commission
February 17, 2016

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

Hinze
Isner
Hannon

Quigley
Wolf

Also present:
Shannon Rutherford – Assistant Planner
Sandra Michaud – Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 p.m. by Chairman Hinze.

2. New Business

No new business.

3. Other Business

Eversource

An Eversource representative reviewed the proposed Integrated Vegetated Management Plan for selective treatment of their right-of-ways. The proposed work runs from Old Mountain Road to West Farms Mall. Large species saplings will be cut, mowing will be done and they will clear around their structures if necessary. Foliar herbicides will be used as needed during the summer. Wetland areas along the right-of-ways were highlighted and reviewed as well.

Audubon Society

There was discussion on whether or not it was more appropriate for the Town Council to support this initiative instead of the Conservation Commission. Some felt it was within the scope of the Commission to support. The Commissioners agreed the current open space challenge is maintenance. Chairman Hinze said he would prefer all Commissioners be present for input/discussion so the matter was tabled.

Land Acquisition Committee Report

Chairman Hinze thanked Commissioner Isner for representing the Commission at the Town Council meeting for the acquisition of Lot 7 South Ridge Road and Lot 6A/B Settlement Road as open space.

4. Planner's Report

Assistant Planner Rutherford told the Commissioners about the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists conference and Ct Land Conservation Conference coming in March. Next, she shared requests received from the Farmington River Watershed Association and the CT Land Conservation Council for donations and asked what the Commission has historically supported. The Commission said they believe they support the Farmington River Watershed Association but were not familiar with the Land Conservation Council.

5. Minutes

Upon a motion made and seconded (Wolf/Quigley) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

SJM