

**Conservation Commission Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
October 4th, 2018**

Minutes

Attendance:

Members present: Eric Brower, Urling Searle, Theodore Walworth III, Gary Silberberg, Nancy Dickinson

Staff present: Sarah (Nahabedian) Cocco

Commission Discussion Session – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Brower

- 1) Seating of Alternatives:** Walworth was seated for Rutherford.
- 2) Review and approval of draft minutes for September 6, 2018:** A motion was made by Dickinson and seconded by Silberberg to approve minutes as corrected.
- 3) Review of Correspondence:** members were given a copy of the latest *Connecticut Wildlife* magazine, and copies of recent letters provided by Sesto on proposed dock at Perkley Lane and comments submitted by Tesei on NY-NJ Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study.
- 4) Chairman's Report:** was not provided.
- 5) Staff Reports:** Commission members requested for the agenda, minutes, and staff report to be sent out at a minimum on the Monday before the Commission meeting. Also, to have Commissioners RSVP to meetings.
 - a. Greenwich Point – TNA proposal: Cocco reported on the meeting held at Greenwich Point with TNC and town stakeholders. See staff report for full description.
 - b. Sustainable CT: Cocco reported that Greenwich was awarded SILVER certification status. See staff report for full description.
- 6) Committee and Liaison Reports:**
 - a. Cemetery Committee: no report
 - b. Energy Committee:
 - Strategic Energy Plan: Searle briefly summarized previous Level 2 audit done on the Town Hall building.
 - Community Energy Planning: Searle mentioned planning for the December program highlighting the energy conservation at the Empire State Building and

hosting the event at the Boys and Girls Club, showing the work done inside the building in terms of energy savings and conservation.

- c. Parks and Rec Board: no report
- d. Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board (GRAB): Dickinson provided Coccoaro with minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting.
- e. Harbor Management Commission: no report

7) Old Business:

- a. Waste Ordinance: passed the RTM at the September 17th, 2018 meeting.
- b. Mylar balloon: Silberberg reported the Singles Under Sail presentation on Thursday, October 18th, 2018 will be with Nina Quaratella of NAMEA (North American Marine Environment Protection Association).

8) New Business:

- a. High Water Marker at the Holly Grove, Greenwich Point: Brower stated that there are actually three or four of these markers located around Greenwich. The Commission decided to form a small group: Silberberg, Brower, Walworth, Baker, and Coccoaro to endeavor on finding the correct conversions of current markings to a current metric (NGVD to NAVD). The new markers will also include Superstorm Sandy.
- b. Ballot Question #2- concerning the sale of public lands: Walworth brought up that Connecticut will have a Constitutional amendment concerning the protection of our State-owned public lands on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 elections. Commissioners inquired if the Commission should make a statement before the elections.

9) Adjournment: Motion made by Silberberg and seconded by Walworth to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sarah Coccoaro
Conservation Resource Manager