TOWN OF SHERMAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: W. McCann, P. Bailey, C. Shulman, and M. LaVia

Members Absent: J. Wozniak Brown

Also: Clerk C. Branson

Audience: R. Martin, and J. Motsinger

Call to Order: Chair B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:08pm

Minutes: C. Shulman Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting September 13, 2017 as written. Seconded by: P. Bailey Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence: None

New Business:

CACIWC Conference Update:

The Commission discussed the upcoming conference on November 18th and the possibility of carpooling.

Cricket Power Plant Discussion:

C. Shulman and P. Bailey attended a meeting over in New York State. Handouts were shared from this meeting. The facility is very close to Sherman and there are many environmental impacts to consider. The Commission discussed holding a meeting in Sherman and invite "Mother's Up Front" as well as the Atty. General. From the audience, R. Martin provided a list of cumulative pollutants that could impact Candlewood Lake as well as the whole Northwest corridor. Mr. Martin stated a good question for the EPA, DEEP and CDC would be to request regional data collected regarding increased cancer statistics and Alzheimers cases since facilities similar to Cricket Valley have been built. Additionally the Commission discussed contacting local groups such as the Friends Of the Great swamp to participate in a local informational forum to educate the public regarding potential impacts a facility can have environmentally. Chair B. McCann agreed to reach out to the BoS to discuss holding a forum to educate the public.

New Farming Regulations Review:

Chair, B. McCann, J. Wozniak-Brown and R. Gorman and K. MacLean attended the Public Hearing portion of the proposed Regulation change for Farming, Section 352. There were areas that clarification was requested regarding: Minimum acreage for a "Farm"; "Home Occupation Farming"; percentage of "locally produced" goods at a Farm Stand/ Store. There were concerns voiced regarding what constitutes as an "Event" and restrictions regarding "Bed & Breakfast Facilities". The Commission discussed possibly bringing P&Z's attention to the CT Right to Farm Act. The Public Hearing closed, therefore no new public input can be introduced into discussion.

NRIR Recommendations Chapter Workshop Scheduling:

The Commission discussed potential dates for an upcoming workshop. Discussion followed regarding edits to assigned chapters.
Old Business

a.) NRIR&R Workshop

The Commission members discussed the general layout of the update and sub chapters. Chair B. McCann read into record his draft of the introduction. NAROMI has offered a list of photos to use. P. Bailey will contact Great Hollow and CT Audubon for photo submittals. The Commission discussed the desired style they would like for the cover. It was noted the State endangered list will need to be updated. M. LaVia volunteered to go to the post office and ask if he can use some of the photos they have displayed on their wall. The Commission discussed a list of locations and features to photograph in the area. The Commission continued to discuss updates throughout the new draft.

Adjourn: P. Bailey Adjourned the Meeting at 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Branson
November 15, 2017

APPROVED AS FINAL AT THE JANUARY 10, 2018 RMM