

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2012 - 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Goulet, Bogue, Munn  
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 2, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 2, 2011.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

MOTION: To nominate and elect Rafferty as Chairman, Bogue as Vice-Chairman and Munn as Secretary.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

2. Dam Safety Permit – Breaching of Trails Pond Dam

The Commission reviewed the application by Electric Boat to breach the Trails Pond Dam off of Poquonnock Road. They discussed the letter from Stephen Gephard, DEEP Supervising Fisheries Biologist regarding the downstream impacts of the breach. Staff reviewed the permitting process.

The Commission recommended that the earthen dam be evaluated for stability and erosion potential as they are concerned about unplanned breaches during large storms.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty noted the memorandum from Michael Murphy to the Town Council regarding the endorsement of a grant application to the Fish and Wildlife Service for funding to purchase the Spicer property.

Rafferty updated the Commission on conditions in Pequot Woods, noting that a new memorial for Lucy Wormhoudt has been installed.

Rafferty suggested the Commission develop a list of Eagle Scout type projects for the Town's open spaces.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF – None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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Gail Munn, Secretary  
Conservation Commission

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Environmental Planner