

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD
COMMUNITY ROOM 3

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

I. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Rafferty, Owen, Finco, Dunn, Fitzpatrick, Newbury
Absent: Frost
Staff: Allen

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 2, 2017

Next meeting was listed as December 4. This is to be changed to November 6.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 as written.

Motion made by Dunn, seconded by Finco. Motion passed 4-0-2 (2 abstentions).

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

MOTION: To add "Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule" to the agenda.

Motion made by Fitzpatrick, seconded by Owen. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed the starting time should be changed to 5:15 p.m.

MOTION to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule with a modified starting time of 5:15 p.m.

Motion made by Owen, seconded by Newbury; so voted unanimously.

2. Continue Plan of Conservation rewrite and review action items from previous meeting.

Discussion commenced concerning creating a prefacing section that would explain motives and goals for the updated Conservation Plan. The incorporation of an economic model for the valuation and/or ranking of open space was discussed, as was planning for task management and the forming of subcommittees to take on specific aspects of the plan update project.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Fitzpatrick will work on an introduction.
Dunn will continue work on economic value modeling for open space.

Finco will review Chapter 2 of the POCD which deals with open space.
Newbury will further an outline for the plan update.
Owen will look into mapping.

Owen left at 6:22 p.m.

Finco left at 6:45 p.m.

VI. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty shared with the Commission a memo he received at the most recent meeting of the Committee of Chairpersons from Jon Reiner, director of OPDS, outlining current initiatives and projects of the Office.

VII. REPORT OF STAFF

Allen reported that the Town will cover the cost of attendance for the upcoming CACIWC Conference.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. was made by Fitzpatrick and seconded by Newbury; so voted unanimously.

Jessica Owen, Secretary
Conservation Commission

Prepared by Matthew Allen
Planner I

Next meeting: December 4, 2017