

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 4, 2011 - 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

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

The Commission welcomed new member Lavery to the Conservation Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 7, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 7, 2011.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Coastal Resilience Tool

Staff reviewed the Coastal Resilience Tool developed by the Nature Conservancy to illustrate the consequences of sea-level rise and major storms on the coastline. The web site was launched at a work shop in Old Lyme on March 30. She will briefly demonstrate its use in CR 2 for those Commissioners interested.

Rafferty suggested the tool be used in updating the Plan of Conservation and Development. Staff agreed and noted that the Planning Department has an intern working on a vulnerability study which will also be used in updating the POCD.

Goulet reported that he attended the neighborhood meeting regarding the flooding of the Judson Avenue area.

2. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Schedule

The Commission noted the date of the Groton Collection.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty suggested that the Commission schedule its first clean up of Depot Road and Industrial Drive for May.

Rafferty reported that there is a program to determine an area's nitrogen footprint and distributed the web address.

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Rafferty noted a bill pending in the legislature regarding municipal open space liability.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff distributed a notice of a Low Impact Development workshop at the Council of Governments' office in Norwich.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Lois Geary, Secretary
Conservation Commission

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