

CLINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town of Clinton
William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 10, 2016

Chair Catherine Zamecnik called the February 10, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Clinton Conservation Commission to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Land Use Office of the William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut. Members present: Chair Catherine Zamecnik, Secretary Charlene Best, Elizabeth Isaacson and Bertram Schmitz.

C 16-000: Review for Report to the Planning and Zoning Commission. "The Village at Mill Pond", 11 Killingworth Turnpike, Mill Pond Clinton LLC (Applicant) Town of Clinton (Owner). A Mixed-use Commercial Development. Assessor's Map 43, Block 45 Zone: IDZ.

Henry Resnikoff, Applicant's Agent, briefly went over changes to the proposed plan of development since his January 13, 2016 presentation to this Commission. The most significant change insofar as the conservation area is concerned is the downsizing of the footprint and relocation of Building #12 further from the wetlands and the addition of a wooded path along the wetlands. Because of the relocation of Building #12, the amphitheater was deleted; however, the applicant is looking for a new location for it on site. The consensus of the members was to have the amphitheater restored to the project. The applicant is waiting for formal acceptance of the conservation area from the Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Resnikoff then addressed inquiries of the Commission to their satisfaction. No substantial changes are anticipated to the current proposal.

Isaacson **MOVED** to send a favorable report to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the project as proposed on February 10, 2016 and recommending that the conservation area be deeded (or an easement) in favor of the Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Schmitz seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Best, Isaacson and Schmitz. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 4-0-0.

At 7:25 P.M. Schmitz stepped out to the Board of Selectmen's Meeting to see if the Conservation Budget had been addressed in the Selectmen's Proposed Budget for FY 16/17.

Workshop: Open Space Index. Because this is largely dependent on mapping, this project is on hold pending the recommendation from the GIS Taskforce Committee on a town-wide GIS program.

Schmitz returned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes.

- **December 3, 2015 Meetings.** Schmitz **MOVED** to accept and approve as presented the Minutes of the December 3, 2015 Annual Meeting and the December 3, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting. Best seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Schmitz and Best. Opposed: none. Abstention: Isaacson. The motion was **carried**, 3-0-1.
- **January 13, 2016 Meeting.** The Regular Monthly Meeting was not held due to the lack of a quorum. An Administrative Session was held in its place. No approval required.

Budgets:

- **Adoption of 2016 Capital Request: Open Space Land Acquisition.** Best **MOVED** to adopt the 2016 Capital Request as presented. Schmitz seconded the motion. Discussion: procedures. Voting in favor: Best, Isaacson and Schmitz. Opposed: none. Abstention: Zamecnick. The motion was **carried**, 3-0-1.
- **Adoption of Proposed Operating Budget: FY 16/17.** Isaacson **MOVED** to adopt as presented the Proposed Operating Budget for FY 16/17. Schmitz seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Best, Isaacson and Schmitz. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 4-0-0. The Board of Selectmen is presenting their Proposed Town Budget for FY 16/17 tonight. The Selectmen's Proposed Budget will now be reviewed by the Board of Finance.
- **Update: Operating Budget: FY 15/16.** Clerk Hynes advised the expense to date is for education. Several annual meetings/seminars are coming up that will be of interest to members.

Correspondence/Bills: none.

Old/New Business:

- **GIS Taskforce Committee Update.** Schmitz advised that the Committee is still waiting the final report from the consultants.

- **Funding for Open Space Acquisition and**
- **Guidelines for Fees Received in Lieu of Open Space.** Schmitz is attempting to set up a meeting with the Town's finance director.
- **Green Space Meeting with State Legislator Linares.** General discussion.
- **Connecticut Land Conservation Council Save the Date.** Their annual meeting is scheduled for March 19. The registration form is anticipated.

Return to Workshop: Open Space Inventory. It was the consensus of the members that Best will start working on this again.

Additions to March 9, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting. None at this time.

There being no further business, Isaacson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Schmitz seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Best, Isaacson and Schmitz. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 4-0-0. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Lee Hynes
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