

East Windsor Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 27, 2011

Members present: Albert Grant, chairman  
Jim Stremper  
Jan Warren

Members absent: Barbara Halloran  
Robert Slate

Guests: Richard Sherman  
Jay Ursery

Staff present: Robin Newton

J. W. assumed note taking after discussion began:

Member provided copies of farmland lease, community garden sample “rules” from several town and CT Conference of Municipalities

Discussed: **Community Gardens**

Which town department would administer function of town garden agreements and take payments? We still don't know.

If neighbors have objections how do we best solicit their input?

Other community garden logistics:

Jim would/could take soil samples  
and could bring manure in,  
Commission could use his horse team plowing as an event to  
develop awareness about farming and open space  
we would want to pay for fuel money to trailer horses in, and  
for similar situations

Kogot Property farm lease

need to discuss with farmer about using uncleared land leased to him  
to create Broad Brook community garden  
lease was free for 5 years contingent upon clearing

Robin will approach Denise Menard to gain permission for clearing.

**Melrose Bridge : presentation by Jay Ursery** regarding his son's senior engineering project  
Public works is on board; the project is a simple connection between the existing trail on  
either side.

Rehab bridge for pedestrian traffic and fishing activity

A.G. would like to see the bridge restored to what it was.

There should be limited parking for handicap access and put-in take-out of canoes and the  
like.

Steel sections are sound and just need some sandblasting  
Wood frame for crosspieces in 16' lengths  
The railing is up to code but do we need emergency vehicle access  
Must be barriers to prevent vehicles  
Town Engineer Len Norton received a cost estimate of \$90,000 in 2010.

Robin will draft a letter of support to other boards from the Conservation Commission  
Fun Paddle event in September

**Recreational Trails Grant**

AHRC will write one based on the DEEP property only  
Town of E.W. will write one regarding just the bridge with plans created

Greenway Trail status from Enfield to South Windsor

Notes incomplete on adjournment