

Town of East Windsor Conservation Commission  
Minutes for 07-27-17

In attendance Albert Grant, Frances Neill, Kirk Monstream

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MEETING HELD IN EAST WINDSOR HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY CENTER. 1A  
PARK HILL, BROAD BROOK, CT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No minutes approved as none were included in packets for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Follow-up on previous evaluations of farm properties over and under 30 acres.
2. Discussion of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) water quality initiative. NRCS is targeting Broad Brook to mitigate runoff. If landowners on the brook want to do runoff mitigation projects, NRCS has funds available to offset costs. Programs are still available for landowners along Broad Brook.
3. Funding for conservation and agricultural easements. We discussed pursuing a budget item or bonding. Budget requests can be submitted in November and December. We will add this to our to do list. Fran Neill will follow up with Peg Hoffman on how to proceed. As an idea for future we will look into foundations that may provide funds for conservation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status of Riverbed property regarding State of CT. This project is on hold because Federal money is on hold as the state would be reimbursed by the Federal government.
2. Status of the Hamm support letter from Planning and Zoning Commission. Albert went before Planning and Zoning Commission on July 11, 2017. On July 13th, they wrote and sent a letter of support of South Windsor to the state of Connecticut for the purchase of the development rights. If it goes through, the state will come up with a price and East Windsor would be responsible to put up 25% to purchase the development rights. The state would put up the other 75%. Purchasing these development rights would be a good education on the process so that we all know how it works. It would also be a great Regional Cooperation project.
3. 250<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary. Fran will look into a map that shows all conserved land in town as something we can display at a Conservation Commission/ Agriculture Commission table at 250th celebrations. Fran will looking into obtaining the information currently available.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Planning and Zoning doesn't seem too aware of soil types. Albert suggested that we make a presentation to Planning and Zoning and Wetlands to inform them about various soil types found in town.
2. Fran will start a draft of a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding keeping East Windsor rural with regard to development now that the casino is going forward and economic development is on the rise in town. We will look at the plan of conservation as a starting point to mirror in the letter.
3. Going forward, Conservation Commission meetings will be held at the East Windsor Housing Authority Community Center at 1A Park Hill, Broad Brook CT.
4. We noted that Nick Laskos should be added to the Agenda as a regular member of the Conservation Commission

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Frances Neill