CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2010

a. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the 2nd Level Conference Room A. Present were: Lois Query (Vice-Chair), Cynthia MacDonald, Richard Symonds and Dorothy Mickiewicz. Others present: Arthur Jacques, Boy Scout, Troop 61, Mansfield; David Grulke, father of Boy Scout Eric Grulke, Troop 2, Tolland; Linda Farmer. Not in attendance: Phil Moreschi (Chair), Don DiGenova (Secretary), Eugene Koss.

b. Additions to the Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

* Approval of September 9, 2010 minutes
* Discussion of the Luce and Palmer properties under New Business
* Executive Session

Ms. MacDonald moved to add these items to the agenda and Mr. Symonds seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Public Comments

a. Comments for the public – 2 minutes - None

b. Boy Scouts

- Troop 2, Tolland – invasive plants – 5 minutes

  The trail at the Auperin property has been completed (built and blazed) and the only thing left to do is to update the map. Ms. Mickiewicz will send an e-mail to Mr. David Grulke with Marianne Lattimer's information to assist him with the map. Ms. MacDonald commented that she very much liked the benches that were built and would like to see the same at the Parciak property. Mr. Grulke added that Troop 2 is ready to take on another project for the Commission. Discussion took place regarding possible projects and Ms. Query provided Mr. Grulke with the list previously written by the Commission. Mr. Grulke noted that his Troop may be interested in the project involving the creation of a photographic gallery of Tolland's parcels over a period of four seasons. Mr. Symonds noted that another project would be to create a worksheet which would include the history and steward information for each of the properties.

- Troop 61, Mansfield – bluebird project – 5 minutes

  Mr. Jacques has continued to clear the Weigold property, spread chips, cut down two trees and provided photographs to the Commission. Aggregate has been delivered to the property to fill the depression and the Troop is planning a work day on Sunday, November 21st to spread the material

3. Approval of Minutes – Ocotober 14, 2010 Regular Meeting and September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting – 2 minutes

Mr. Symonds moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2010 meeting. Ms.

MacDonald seconded the motion and all were in favor yet under item 3, the approval of the July 7, 2010 minutes, it should be noted that the date was July 8, 2010. Since the October 14, 2010 meeting was informational only, a vote was not necessary.

4. Committee Reports

a. Campbell Farm - Potential Farm Easement on 13.1 acres – 15 minutes

Ms. Farmer explained the that Council is going to review the resolution to give $3K to the CT trust regarding the 13.1 acres of the Campbell property. Ms. Farmer distributed the 'Tolland Properties Purchased With Open Space Funds Since 2000' document as well as a map of Committed Space, Tolland, CT. She also noted that a proposal to the Public Works Director in Coventry would be needed regarding posting the King property signage. Lastly, Ms. Farmer commented that there will be a public meeting regarding the Tolland Village area on November 30th at 7:30p.m. at the Lodge.

b. Conservation Area signs

Ms. Farmer informed the Commission that the signs for the Knofla and Schindler/Schmidt properties have been ordered.

c. Management Plans Booklet

A general discussion took place regarding the creation of a booklet that would outline general information about each of the properties as well as specific information on the background and history of each parcel.

d. Activity Reports

Mr. Symonds noted that the 2009/2010 Activity Report was filed.

e. Tolland Conservation Corps – 15 minutes

Mr. Symonds explained that two work sessions are planned and that the Corps is committed to helping Troop 61 with the wood and other needed supplies. Ms. MacDonald commented that a sign should be added to the Auperin property noting that horseback riding is not allowed and there was a general discussion regarding clarification of the policy.

f. Willimantic River Alliance - update - 2 minutes

Ms. MacDonald noted that the Walktober event went quite well and that six of the participants made the walk to the top of the King property. Meetings of the Willimantic River Alliance are planned but at this time there is no further information to report.

g. Invasive Species Committee Report - 2 minutes

Ms. Query explained that the Invasive Species Committee falls under Education and Outreach; however, the Committee did not have anything to report.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business

a. Discuss and Approve the proposed 2011 Meeting and Workshop Schedule

Mr. Symonds moved to approve the proposed schedule and Ms. Mickiewicz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

b. Discussion of the Luce and Palmer Properties

Mr. Symonds moved to accept the Palmer and Luce property plans. Ms. MacDonald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Symonds moved to move the plans forward to the Council for approval. Ms. MacDonald seconded the motion. All were in favor. The plans were adopted by the Conservation Commission on November 18, 2010.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Mickiewicz motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m. and that the clerk be paid. Mr. Symonds seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8. Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Pascuzzi
Clerk