

Unapproved

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 13, 2010

Present: Belt, E.

Natoli, E., Alt.

Phillips, R.

Snyder, S.

Ziegra, G.

Absent: Balavender, G., Alt.

Chinatti, M. - WEO

Khan-Bureau, D.

Leuck, W.

Wildrick, L.

Vacancy, Alt.

Guests: F. Abetti, chair, and J. Griggs, Vision Committee members

Chairman S. Snyder:

- Called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm, and
- Introduced all members and staff present.

M/S/C (Ziegra/Phillips) to seat E. Natoli for W. Leuck. Vote: approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no *ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA* this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

- 1) **November 8, 2010 - Regular Meeting**

M/S/C (Ziegra/Belt) to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

There was no *WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT* this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **IWCC referrals - Town Attorney or an attorney who specializes in wetlands/watercourses matters**

After discussion, it was the Commission's consensus that they will not pursue this matter at the present time.

M/S/C (Phillips/Belt) that with many thanks to E. Natoli for all his efforts concerning this matter, to close out the matter of IWCC attorney referrals until a need arises. Vote: approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Vision Committee - Vision Statement

F. Abetti, Committee chairman, and J. Griggs, committee member, appeared before the Commission:

The Committee completed the charge given to them by the Board of Selectmen and presented the Board with a DRAFT of the *2010 Salem, Connecticut Our Vision Over the Next 10 Years*.

The Board requested that the Vision Committee appear before other Commissions and groups in Salem to determine their feelings on what the Committee has drafted. Then, after consideration of all comments received, bring the final draft, with any revisions, back to the Board.

The Committee stuck to the replies that were received from the survey.

There is nothing in the Vision that is executable.

The Plan of Conservation and Development is executable.

Discussed the following two items, previously received by all Commission members for review for discussion this evening:

- Salem Town Vision Survey Committee (see attached to the filed copy of these minutes), and
- DRAFT of *2010 Salem, Connecticut Our Vision Over the Next 10 Years* (also attached to the filed copy of these minutes).

IWCC member comments on the DRAFT:

- (In the title) Why was "10" years chosen?
Committee felt that 5 years was too short a period of time and any more than 10 years would be too long; the document will be reviewed in 10 years.
- (In the fifth paragraph; pg. 1) What is meant by *Attracts destination business*?
A specialty store that people will go out of their way to go to.

(In the sixth paragraph; pg. 1):

- Should the Niantic River Watershed Management Plan be included?
Perhaps; Committee will take that under consideration.
- Changing *8 Mile River Management Plan* to "Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Management Plan".
Committee will do this.
- Changing *Expanding open space.....* to "Maintaining public open space....."
- (The second paragraph; pg. 2) Is this document the right place for this; should it be included?

The Commission thanked the Vision Committee for the good job they did; it is a very thorough document.

2) Approval of 2011 Meeting Schedule

M/S/C (Ziegra/Belt) to approve the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission 2011 Meeting Date Schedule amended as follows:

- Change *January 9, 2011* to "January 9, 2012".

Vote: approved unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1) **Adhoc Conservation Committee report**
E. Belt: stated that he has been loading new software.
- 2) **Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee report**
S. Snyder: L. Schroeder is making progress.
- 3) **Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee report**
D. Khan-Bureau absent; no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CT Wildlife magazine
- Information from CACIWC
- EPA - looking for nominations for Environmental Awards
- Conference info
- Government Matters newsletter

- ARC User
- ARC News

CRITIQUE:

There was no *CRITIQUE* of the meeting this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Ziegra/Natoli) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
S. Snyder, chairman