

Unapproved

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 10, 2011

Present: Belt, E.

Balavender, G. - Alt. - arrived at 7:31 pm

Khan-Bureau, D.

Natoli, E., Alt.

Snyder, S.

Wildrick, L.

Ziegra, G.

Absent: Chinatti, M - WEO

Leuck, W.

Phillips, R.

Vacancy, Alt.

Guests: POC&D Committee members: Chairman F. Abetti, L. Schroeder, and W. Schultz.

Chairman S. Snyder:

- Called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and
- Introduced all members and staff present.

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

M/S/C (Wildrick/Khan-Bureau) to seat G. Balavender 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) **December 13, 2010 - Regular Meeting**

M/S/C (Ziegra/Belt) to approve the minutes of the December 13, 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:

There was no *OLD BUSINESS* this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **F. Abetti - Discussion regarding Draft POC&D proposed recommendation to have a separate Conservation Commission**

F. Abetti, POC&D Committee chairman, and L. Schroeder and W. Schultz, committee members, appeared before the Commission:

The POC&D Committee appeared before the PZC in December to discuss the POC&D Draft.

It was a recommendation of the PZC that the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission should be separated into two commissions: an Inland Wetlands Commission and a Conservation Commission.

The POC&D Committee felt this matter should be discussed with the IWCC.

The POC&D is a ten-year plan; there is no hurry to make the separation.

It would require a change in the Town Charter to separate the IWCC into the two commissions.

The Inland Wetlands is a regulatory Commission; a Conservation Commission is advisory. The POC&D Committee drafted a tentative list of items that could be assigned to a separate Conservation Commission:

- Continue work on the Natural Resource Inventory, maintain it, and identify special natural and cultural resources unique to Salem.
- Generate and keep updated a map identifying the locations of Salem's unique resources.
- Create a list of invasive species to supplement the list in the State Statutes.
- Develop a list of resource and educational materials and post on the town website.
- Consult with state and federal agencies in regard to assistance in developing best management practices for storm water runoff and agricultural runoff and provide public education and outreach.
- Educate the town residents on the importance of aquifer protection.

- Encourage farmers to follow best management practices as recommended by state and federal agencies.
- In cooperation with the Historical Society, document and keep current a database of Salem's historic resources and archaeologically sensitive areas. Develop a process to identify, and highlight in the database, those special historic and archaeological resources that are considered so important to Salem's cultural heritage that they warrant special consideration.
- Generate and keep updated a map identifying the location of Salem's special historic and archaeological resources.

The IWCC has discussed the matter of separation of the two commissions, but has felt that it was not required at that time.

There were also concerns that not enough people would be interested to serve on a conservation commission or that most of those willing would be too biased.

After considerable discussion, it was the IWCC's consensus that the POC&D Committee should include a recommendation in the POC&D stating that the feasibility of separating the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission into two (2) separate commissions should be investigated.

The POC&D Committee stated that they would report to the IWCC when they make a decision.

2) Election of Officers for 2011

M/S/C (Ziegra/Belt) to nominate and elect the 2010 slate of officers for 2011:

Sally Snyder	Chairman
Eric Belt	Vice chairman
Diba Khan-Bureau	Secretary

Vote: approved unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1) **Adhoc Conservation Committee report** - no report.
- 2) **Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee report** - L. Schroeder stated that she had been concentrating on the POC&D, but will return to her work on the Open Space Inventory soon.
- 3) **Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee report** - D. Khan-Bureau mentioned her Spring 2011 TRCC (Three Rivers Community College) Environmental Issues

Seminars and stated that she would like to put the information on the town's website. All members had received brochures in their packages for tonight's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Seminar information in regard to the Connecticut Bar Association's Connecticut Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions to be held at Wesleyan University.
- Booklets listing Certified Soil Scientists in the State of Connecticut.
- CT Federation of Lakes newsletter.
- Request for donation (Salem is not in the organization's district).
- Notice that the IWCC budget will be presented to the Board of Finance on February 17, 2011.

CRITIQUE:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Khan-Bureau/Wildrick)) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

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