

**Woodbridge Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2009**

Present: David Speranzini, Maria Kayne, Diane King, Cathy Shufro, Suzanne Rosenberg

Absent: Paul Decoster, James Urbano

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.

1. Minutes

Minutes were accepted as written for the October 2009 WCC meeting.

2. Yale Forestry Study Workshop

In accordance with the assignments from the October 2009 meeting, Commission members reported on educational tools and actions related to issues raised in Chapter 7 of the Yale Forestry Study. Specific educational tools were discussed. The reports were as follows:

Policy on Dog Use:	Suzanne Rosenberg
Ecosystem Checklist (p 70):	Suzanne Rosenberg
Preserving Meadows:	Maria Kayne
Invasive Species:	Diane King

Cathy Shufro will report on Patch Selection Cut and Paul Decoster will report on the Conservation Easement at the December 2009 meeting.

3. Alegi Property and 90' Baseball Diamond

Maria Kayne reported that the Santoro Family currently leases a portion of the Alegi property from the Town for haying. The Santoros want to enter into a long term lease with the Town for continued haying and farming of the Alegi property. The Beth-Wood baseball league wants to utilize a portion of the Alegi property for a 90' baseball diamond. Maria Kayne and Jim Urbano are currently working with the Beth-Wood league to locate a 90' diamond on other Town owned parcels.

4. Properties in Plan of Conservation and Development

Maria Kayne reported that the USDA-NRCS has been allocated \$4 million to protect farmland in Connecticut. The money may be used to purchase

conservation easements. The application deadline is February 1, 2010. The money may be used to pay for up to 50% of the cost of purchase of the conservation easements. Maria Kayne indicated that the Commission should contact owners of properties identified in the Plan of Conservation and Development about the program.

5. Litchfield Turnpike Cell Tower (AT&T)

Maria Kayne indicated that there may be additional ways to stop the proposed installation of a cell tower along Litchfield Turnpike such as a Town moratorium or ordinance regulating cell tower locations, construction etc. David Speranzini will research these possible options.

6. Trails Grant

Maria Kayne reported that there is no grant money for trail maintenance equipment. Money is available for trail development.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Other Business

-Freedom of Information Act

Maria Kayne reported on certain issues with the FOIA as they pertain to the Commission.

-Massaro Farm Update

No report.

-Old Firehouse

No member of the Commission is aware of the status of redevelopment of the old firehouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Speranzini