

**TOWN OF CANAAN
INLAND WETLANDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 4:10PM. Members present: Sinclair, Kelsey, Nebor, Burdick, Burz. Others: Norma Galaise, Teruko Edmonds

Minutes of November 16, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting and Minutes of December 8, 2009 Special Meeting read by Nebor, motion to accept minutes as read made by Burdick, seconded by Kelsey, passed unanimously.

Public Input: None

Old Business

Point of Rocks Endangered Species: Sinclair reported that Dave Gumbart, TNC and Adam Whelchel, TNC had walked the property with Greg Marlowe. At a high point in the quarry white pines had been removed to create an improved habitat for some endangered and threatened plant species.

Sturdevant, Arnott Drive: Sinclair reported that Shawn Hadden, Soil Scientist, NWCCD and a representative from the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers had walked the site with George Johanessen from Allied Engineering. T. Edmonds expressed concern that there may be adverse effects to other sections of river bank that could possibly impact property owners. Sinclair noted that the Commission had not yet received a new application. When it is received her comments will be taken into consideration during the review process.

Cobble Hill AT&T Tower Proposal: Sinclair gave a summary of the informational meeting. He has informed Tim Abbott, Highlands Coalition, Dave Gumbart, TNC and Elaine LeBella, Housatonic Valley Association of the proposal. Commission members discussed the tower proposal. Members questioned if the tower could be 90' tall instead of 120', could it be placed lower on the slope to blend in better with the landscape? Kelsey commented that it is a difficult time of year to do an accurate flora and fauna inventory. Sinclair noted that the Conservation Commission is appointed to represent the Town regarding conservation issues. Commission members discussed if the the IW/Conservation Commission should become a "party". Kelsey will discuss with Seymour. Sinclair will discuss with people who were involved with the tower proposal in Warren.

Regulations Update: Nebor will follow-up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Nebor, Secretary for the Commission