

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Arthur Christian, Chairman  
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Heffernan, Secretary  
Jack Leahey

**ALTERNATE:** Andy Krar  
Keith Golembiewski

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Robin Newton

**CONSULTANT:** Gerald Turbet, P.E.

**ABSENT:** Bob Roberts  
Barbara Chain, Treasurer  
Raymond Wilcox

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The secretary read aloud the agenda for the record. Andrew Krar was appointed voting rights for Raymond Wilcox. Keith Golembiewski was appointed voting rights for Barbara Chain. The secretary asked that an item be added to the agenda. Mrs. Newton reported that an Eagle Scout was present and would like to present a project to the Commission.

The Chairman asked that a member make a motion to add said item to the agenda. Vice Chairman Glenn Neilson made a motion to add the item to the agenda after the informal discussion. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

**II. INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

A. FOFAH presentation by John Smith seeking Commission signature for USDA Grant work at Hilltop Farm.

John Smith explained that FOFAH has applied for two grants, WHIP and EQUIP grants. Mr. Smith went on to explain what each grant entailed and what would happen over the next several years. Some items discussed were the removal of multi flora rose, bush hogging areas, moving fence lines and replacing fences with new fences. Mr. Smith stated that while he did not need the Commission's signatures for the grants he wanted to make sure there were no objections to what is being proposed at Hilltop Farm. The Commission did not have any objections to what was being proposed.

Glenn Neilson made a motion to give FOFAH permission to go ahead with the work being proposed under the WHIP and EQUIP Grants for the easterly portion of Hilltop Farms. Thomas Heffernan seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

**EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION**

A. Morgan Wilson-Eagle Scout Project Proposal for Stony Brooke Park.

Mr. Wilson provided the Commission with a handout listing some possible projects for an Eagle Scout project at Stony Brooke Park. The Commission reviewed the proposals and made some suggestions concerning the items listed. Commission member Thomas Heffernan stated he did not feel that an Eagle Scout should be removing the truck debris items as it poses a safety issue and liability issue for the Town. Mr. Heffernan did state that the debris item should be referred to the Town for removal. Mr. Heffernan stated that he felt the list was too broad and that Mr. Wilson should focus on a couple of the items for his project. Chairman Christian reiterated that sentiment stating he would like to see more specifics.

Mr. Heffernan suggested that Mr. Wilson focus on building small foot bridges in areas of need and that a large sign at the beginning of the path showing the paths, contour information, what type of vegetation might be found on the property would be an inclusive project that would require research and time.

**III. FOLLOW UP PERMIT CONDITION-FINAL APPROVAL OF LOT 7**

A. Permit #1504-Elzear Roy/Briarwood Homes-24 Lot Subdivision with Individual Wells and Public Sewer-South Street and LaFountain Road. This property is located on the east side of South Street and on both sides of LaFountain Road. Assessor's Map #35H, Block #35, Lots #5A and #8 in Suffield.

The Commission members reviewed the submitted plot plan and with no questions, Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the home location on Lot 7 of sunset Point with the standard 1-10 permit conditions and that the conservation consultant review building department plan submittal to ensure home stays in depicted area. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

**IV. CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Conservation Consultant, Gerry Turbet indicated that he had presented the Conservation Commission budget to the Board of Finance and no cuts were made. Mr. Turbet explained that the outside consultant line item has been left in the budget up to this point in the process. The Commission discussed what types of items the new consultant would be in charge of handling. Chairman Christian stated that when the budget goes through the Commission will have a meeting to write up specific duties and how the outside consultant will be paid for their services.

Jack Leahey made a motion at this time to cancel the Conservation Commission meeting for March 25, 2008 due to lack of activity. Glenn Neilson seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Andy Krar seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Glenn Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin M. Newton