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I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Scituate Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, and was called to order at 7:05 P.M. It was held in the Building Official's Conference Room, Scituate Town Hall, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate, Rhode Island.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Christopher Modisette, Paul Dolan, Ruth Strach, John Vernava, Cynthia Gianfrancesco, Cheryl Dexter

Absent: Thomas Angell

Guest:

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes to the November 9, 2004 meeting were read and minor corrections noted. Mr. Dolan motioned, seconded by Ms. Strach to accept said minutes as corrected. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Financial Reports:

The financial report was reviewed and will be updated. Expenditures are well within budget amounts.

2. Property Committee:

It was noted that the field at Lawton Farm was cut by Mr. Earl Adams. Payment should be received in the amount of \$500.00 which is designated to the Open Space account. This has not been received. A letter from the Property Committee will be sent to Mr. Adams concerning this matter.

V. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no matters from the public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Draft Waste Water Management District Proposal:

The draft proposal was presented to the Council at their November 10, 2004 meeting. This plan has been approved by the Council and

has been sent to the Department of Environmental Management. This plan would help to identify and track septic system problems. If it receives the final approval; a consultant would be hired to trace the tracking (\$1,000.00 annual fee).

2. Other:

Cheryl Dexter, Ruth Strach and Cynthia Gianfrancesco met to work on brochure for walking trails, notable trees and scenic routes. Conservation in Scituate could be the potential name for the brochure which will be sponsored by the Scituate Conservation Commission and Land Trust.

Chair Modisette will provide the picture for the front of the brochure.

There was some discussion in regard to the Annual Meeting and possible recipients for the Alice B. Howland Award. Mr. Dolan moved to nominate Mr. Alfred Hawkes (past member of the Conservation Commission and Land Trust), for this years award seconded by Ms. Strach. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The annual Meeting will be held on March 16, 2005 at the North Scituate Community House at 7:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was the next topic discussed. It was mentioned that if Scituate was the town chosen for

the location of the collection day, no funding will be needed. Ms. Gianfrancesco will proceed to coordinate this event.

The Commission in partnership with the Gentian Garden Club will sponsor a Tree Identification Walk that will be held January 22, 2005 at 9:15 a.m. Gary Plunkett from the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society will participate in this program.

VII. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

1. Land Conservation:

This topic was briefly discussed in regard to potential parcels that are on the list for possible acquisition.

2. Commission Reappointments for 2005:

The terms of the following commission members are up for reappointments: Christopher Modisette, Paul Dolan, Thomas Angell and Jon Vernava. A memo will be sent to the Council in regard to this matter.

3. 2005 Calendar of Events:

Chair Modisette mentioned to Commission members that they should be prepared to discuss

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:

This topic was briefly discussed. Correspondence was received and reviewed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Strach, seconded by Ms. Dexter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All were in favor. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

WITNESS:

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Patricia M. Sperry
Secretary**