

Tiverton Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Tiverton Town Hall 343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878

Chairman Ramotowski called the meeting to order at 7:04PM

Members Present: T. Ramotoski (Chair), R. Guimond, P. Mello, N. Cote, P. Hilton, and L. Cottrell

Members Absent: None.

I. Public Delegations: Tom Molinski

II. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Cote made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 Commission meetings. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Guimond.

VOTE: Motion passed 6-0

III. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Mello reported that the Commission had \$178.00. Sum was approved to be applied to the Lloyd Center for Stafford Pond Watch for 4th Graders by R. Guimond and seconded by N. Cote

IV. Brief Announcements: Neighborhood Business Bliss Zoning - letters went out to some residents- hearing scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014 at Tiverton High School at 7:00PM.

V. New Business: None.

VI. Old Business:

Tiverton Landfill- "*Storm Debris Storage Area*" R. Guimond S. Berlucci is meeting with State Energy Officials - Stated they will inspect every truck but this will be impossible to accomplish. State might want to look at the possible use of the highway department area as temporary holding area for storm debris. Jay Edwards refused that idea stating people would not come to the industrial park. Thirty thousand dollars was offered to tar the road to the landfill and we have three more years before capping if state gets approval for storm debris capping will not happen. We need an area for our debris from storms. Portsmouth can use Navy land. There was a question about if state would take over our landfill. Conservation still waiting to hear about meeting with Steve Berlucci

Free bag week for Trash Pickup in December -first week after Christmas

Paint cans - \$1.50 per gal

Mattress - \$15.00

Computers - Free

R. Guimond reported a 40% drop in rubbish to landfill.

Watershed Protection Overlay District N. Cote -still working with Planning Board with language.

Town Zoning Ordinance for Earth Removal/Quarrying: T.Ramotowski - State has no money to monitor quarry pits. P. Hilton noted Hydrologist Chris Covell should be here July 14, 2014 to assist us. C. Covell and M. Wojcik have a phone appointment for tomorrow Thursday, May 29, 2014 about C. Covell coming down to check the quarries' pits. There will be a possible drive by the pits and quarries to check aquifer at reduced rate to the town of Tiverton to help out the town. M. Wojcik has been unable to contact C. Covell so phone appointment was made. Will public meeting be postponed until we get information from C. Covell.

Moreira Subdivision /Stafford Road/Watershed Protection Overlay District - P. Hilton: Still checking on lot with possible condo situation. Two houses and one substandard cesspool need to increase impervious which is not allowed in that area.

Statewide banning of Plastic Bags - T. Ramotowski: continued to a later date.

Protection Overlay P. Hilton: State is not changing language. M. Wojcik and D.E.M. had a meeting and they are not moving forward. We need to start thinking of creating an ordinance against fishing tournaments and stirring up support from the public to support their drinking water. Meeting is public meeting - people were able to state opinion but given no response. Judge upheld drinking water vs. ramp. Town needs to get rid of fishing tournaments so we need to come up with regulations to do so. Window is open to do this now during election year. Need to get J. Edwards involved to help us - DEM states ramp was done with federal funds - if closed down they have to repay federal funds - need to research this statement. Call Jack Reed to help research this. P. Hilton: Atlantic States Rural Water Supply to check out community wells funds are from USDA - E.P.A. - offering to help Tiverton Four Corners and Stafford Pond. Source Water Assessment document is to recommend further water quality. Group does fifty hours per project and extensive information will be gained from this free study. We need to meet with residents to save water to get info to owners - owners have not been receptive to this in the past. They want to work with the town that is active in finding solutions and give us recommendations. Tuesday and Thursday next week they are coming. P. Hilton will keep us informed to upcoming meetings.

They could possibly give us some help with Stafford Pond. DEM violated laws by changing regulations about water quality. Notify residents about chance to voice their opinions about pond. There have been and are problems with owners' swimming, docks, and boating.

VII. Standing Committee Reports;

"Tiverton Community Comprehensive Plan" P. Hilton - Comprehensive Plan Review meeting - Conservation Committee needs to come up with a list of what we want-wish list. Water shed regulations, underground oil tank removal to get this in plan P. Mello - Septic systems have to be in that zone - see Tiverton Yacht Club lawsuit. We need non-selective enforcement.

"Litter Prevention Initiatives" - N. Cote - Inmates from A.C.I. have been out cleaning roads, but state roads only. Embrace Home Loans were out cleaning roads also. Send thank you note to group. Captain Jones attended litter meeting to discuss camera on Canonicus Street to monitor litter. He will be checking on legality of camera. Eagleville Road access is now blocked by a locked gate to stop dumping there.

Stafford Pond Issues Update - T. Ramotowski -April 17, 2014 letter from Tracey McInnis - FAA to inform us that the Tiverton Seaplane Base is closed so we need to get town solicitor to write in ordinance about no planes on the pond. Received complaint about litter at Fogland Beach, but upon visit to the area looks very nice so doesn't understand complaint. May 3rd was cleanup. Previous barrels became a hazard so area became tote in/tote out. The playgrounds are becoming dunes and chain link fence is damaged and needs repair everything else looks good. Dogs are not allowed in season and out-of-season must be leashed. Beagles are destroying dunes. D.E.M. gave permission to a hunter of rabbits but open space demands he get permission from owner/open space commission.

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:20PM