

City of Shelton, Conservation Commission
 Agenda for Regular Meeting of April 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.
 Shelton City Hall, Room 303



Note: If you have questions regarding the agenda, contact Conservation Agent Teresa Gallagher @ 203.924.1555 x315

7:00 7:20 8:00 8:45 9:00
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- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Approval of MinutesMarch 5, 2008
- C. Public Portion (items not on agenda)see footer notes
- D. Trails Committee Report – Bill Dyer
- E. Review of P&Z Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments
 - i. Old Applications / Monitor / Follow-up
 - 1. 145 Riverdale Avenue (Housatonic River south of the River Walk), Application for filling and grading. Item tabled by Planning & Zoning; referred to Board of Aldermen
 - ii. New Applications (Applications received between agenda creation and our Regular Meeting may be amended to this Agenda at start of meeting by a vote from the Commission.)
- F. Shelton Canal – Proposal to fill canal for residential development. Related documents posted on www.sheltonopenspace.googlepages.com/sheltoncanal. Applicant required to submit additional information to Army Corp.
- G. 784 Long Hill Ave/Wintergreen Lane open space (Map 21 Lot 46); Request to clean-up property and replant.
- H. Open Space Trust Account – FY2008-2009 funding
- I. Use of Tall Farm Open Space (OS 119.02), Long Hill Ave/Stowe Drive
- J. Communications (sent or received).....Tom H.
- K. Conservation Agent ReportTeresa G.
 - i. Community Resource Inventory Committee: Working on Scenic Resources – website under construction.
 - ii. Open Space mapping: Updated Greenway and Open Space maps from Regis Dognin are online at <http://sheltonopenspace.googlepages.com> – proposed trail routes for Rec Path, Paugussett and possible big loop in the White Hills, extending into Monroe.
 - iii. Open Space Trust Account – status report
 - iv. Ct State Grant of \$2500 for Recreation Path. State has not released funds; on hold.
 - v. Plastic BBs – status on legislation
 - vi. Birchbank Mountain Open Space – Existing trail was blazed white and a page with map was added to the sheltontrails.org website.
 - vii. Shelton Clean Sweep – Open space clean-ups are scheduled for Riverview Park, East Village park, Gristmill Trail, Oak Valley Trail, areas around the High School, and the Housatonic River.
- L. Quality of Life – Executive Session (land purchase issues)
 - i. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 1: MB:M
 - ii. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 2: MB:W
 - iii. Parcel SL:M Tom H
 - iv. Parcel SL:K2 Tom H
 - v. Parcel SL:B** – Status Bill D/Joe W
 - vi. Parcel SL:K Bill D/Joe W

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- vii. Parcel SL: D
 - viii. Parcel FM:Y – no activity
 - ix. Parcel HG:C
 - x. Parcel HG: R
- Teresa

- M. Comments by MembersAll
- N. Adjournment - Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:May 7, 2008

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