



City of Shelton, Conservation Commission
Agenda for Special Meeting of September 15, 2008 at 12:00 P.M.
175 Shelton Road, Monroe, CT

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

- A. Call to Order
- B. Granite signs
 - Review of quotation from Swenson Granite Works for granite posts with artwork to be used on the RecPath as discussed at our Sept 6 meeting.
- C. Adjournment

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