

City of Shelton, Conservation Commission
 Agenda for Special Meeting of February 2, 2009 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

Note: The regular meeting scheduled for February 4 was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with several commission members. This Special Meeting is the regular meeting rescheduled.

7:00
7:20
8:00
8:45
9:00

Times are for guidance only to encourage pace.

- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Approval of Minutes.....January 15, 2009
- C. Public Portion (items not on agenda)see footer notes
- D. Trails Committee Report.....Bill Dyer
 - 1. Shelton Lakes Recreation Path
 - i. Phase 1 (Pine Lake to Nells Rock Road): Surfacing completed in November 2008. Status of any remaining items.
 - ii. Phase 2 (Nells Rock Road to Powerlines/Huntington Woods). Possible surfacing by City crews with millings.
 - iii. Phase 3 (Powerlines/Huntington Woods to Lane Street). DEP grant application submitted 8/2008. Possible surfacing by City crews from Lane Street. Status.
 - 2. Other Trail Items
- E. Shelton Canal
 - 1. Closure of public recreation area, letter to FERC submitted by Conservation.
 - 2. Filling of canal for site development – Army Corps wetlands permit temporarily withdrawn – no change in status.
- F. Open Space Plan of 2009 – Plan online for public review at www.sheltonconservation.org. Planning and Zoning Commission are reviewing for adoption.
- G. Review of P&Z Applications for Subdivisions and/or Developments
 - 1. Old Applications / Monitor / Follow-up
 - 2. New Applications (Applications received between agenda creation and our Regular Meeting may be amended to this Agenda at start of regular meetings by a vote from the Commission.)
- H. Communications (sent or received).....Tom H.
- I. Conservation Agent ReportTeresa G.
 - 1. Budget report
 - 2. Open Space Trust Account – status report
 - 3. Eklund Native Species Garden – \$2500 grant received for the purchase of native plants. A new website was created for the garden at www.sheltonconservation.org/eklund. Deer fencing needed before plants are purchased in May.
 - 4. Website update. The Conservation website is being updated (www.sheltonconservation.org).
 - 5. Other

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- J. Quality of Life – Executive Session (land acquisition issues)
 - 1. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 1: MB:M
 - 2. Shelton Farm & Forest Protection Program 2006 Applicant 2: MB:W
 - 3. Parcel SL:M Tom H
 - 4. Parcel SL:K2 Tom H
 - 5. Parcel SL:B** – Status Bill D/Joe W
 - 6. Parcel SL:K Bill D/Joe W
 - 7. Parcel SL: D
 - 8. Parcel FM:Y – no activity Teresa
 - 9. Parcel HG:C
 - 10. Parcel HG: R
 - 11. Parcel IBG:IBMC
- K. Comments by MembersAll
- L. Adjournment - Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:March 4, 2009

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