

COLUMBIA CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 3, 2013– **7:00 p.m.**

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Vice Chair Jim Corso, Secretary Linda McDonald, Margaret Verizzi, Ann Dunnack

Members Excused: David Szegda

Call to Order: J. Corso called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda: A. Dunnack MOVED to add item 1.2 under New

Business: Election of Officers. J. Corso SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

Audience of Citizens: No audience of citizens.

Approval of the December 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes: J. Corso MOVED to APPROVE the regular meeting minutes of December 6, 2012 as presented. A. Dunnack SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

1.1 Mono Pond Discussion: A. Dunnack reported on the findings at the December 12, 2012 site walk and canoe trip around Mono Pond with Paul Ramsey. She commented that boats on Mono Pond also go to Columbia Lake, increasing the risk that the invasive aquatic plants in Mono Pond could be carried to the lake as there is no boat wash at either location. She said that P. Ramsey would like the support of the Commission to push for chemical treatment of the pond to control the invasive plant life. Discussion followed on using White Amur, a.k.a Chinese Grass Carp, for weed control on the pond before considering chemical treatment. Consensus of the Board is to research the possibility of stocking the pond with White Amur. A. Dunnack will contact P. Ramsey to get a report done by Gregory Bugbee from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station regarding his findings on the water quality of Mono Pond.

1.2 Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2013: A. Dunnack MOVED to ELECT Margaret Verizzi as Vice-Chair for 2013 and Linda McDonald as Chair/Secretary for 2013. J. Corso SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1** PZC/IWWC Applications & Site Walks: L. McDonald reported that there probably will be an upcoming IWWC site walk at 132E Route 87 West for a seawall repair and replacement.
- 2.2** Scheduling Conservation Easements Monitoring: L. McDonald reported that no monitoring appointments will be scheduled until the snow cover is gone.
- 2.3** Workshops for 2013: L. McDonald reported that Andrea Stannard from the Historical Society said the proposed oxen workshop has not yet been finalized. J. Corso offered to do a second workshop on backyard chickens. L. McDonald will continue to work on a date and presenter for the rain garden workshop.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4. BOARD COMMENTS:** J. Corso reported that D. Szegda will be submitting his resignation from the Board. Discussion followed on the date of the February meeting. Consensus of the Board was to cancel the February 7, 2013 meeting and schedule a special meeting for February 21, 2013.
- 5. ADJOURNMENT:** L. McDonald MOVED to ADJORN the meeting at 7:55 p.m. A. Dunnack SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.